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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. LURIA).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
May 23, 2019.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ELAINE G. LURIA to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

Chaplain Major Thomas E. Fussell, U.S. Air Force, Cape Canaveral, Florida, offered the following prayer:

Good morning, Lord.

In a few days, our hearts will turn toward our Armed Forces as we observe Memorial Day. Many of America's sons and daughters have fought and died valiantly for the freedoms we now enjoy. We are grateful for the ultimate sacrifice they have made for us. May Your peace rest on their loved ones who continue to grieve.

Lord, as the many debates of great importance echo through this historic Chamber, I pray that You would give to these leaders a softness of heart and speech, that they may work to solve the problems at hand, together. Grant our congressional leaders wisdom and new ideas to solve the complex problems before them.

Bless the House of Representatives, O Lord. Imbue its leaders with Your righteousness. Remind them that to whom much is given, much is required.

Lord our creator, lover of our souls, hear my prayer.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Georgia (Mrs. MCBATH) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. MCBATH led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

### ACTION ON HEALTHCARE

(Mr. SCHNEIDER asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, the American people sent a clear message that they want action to lower the cost and improve the quality of healthcare. I am pleased that, over the past month, this House has done exactly that.

It is a stark contrast to the 8 years under the previous majority with one attempt after another to repeal the Affordable Care Act and deny coverage to Americans with preexisting conditions.

Last week, we passed legislation to help address the rising cost of prescription drugs by increasing the availability of generic drugs.

This bill also curbs the Trump administration's expansion of junk insurance plans and funds programs to help more Americans enroll in coverage.

Earlier, we voted to reverse the Trump administration's dangerous effort to allow States to waive lifesaving protections for people with preexisting conditions.

I urge the Senate to take up these bills that will have immediate, positive effects on our Nation's healthcare, and I look forward to working with my colleagues to make even more, further progress.

### HONORING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PERSONNEL

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 45th annual National EMS Week. During this week, we celebrate emergency medical services personnel and the important work that they do in our Nation's communities.

The EMS professionals provide constant services to people in need. From illness to injury, whenever the world

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seems to be ending, society counts on EMS personnel to be there. They are expected to work hard and be strong, especially in times of trouble.

Madam Speaker, as a former EMT rescue technician and firefighter with more than three decades of experience being on the front lines with my fellow EMS professionals, I can personally attest to their dedication to saving lives.

The job of an EMS professional is not easy. It requires just as much compassion as it does courage. These men and women are committed to making the world better.

EMS Week brings together local communities and medical personnel to honor the dedication of those who are on the front line providing day-to-day lifesaving services.

A thank-you to the EMTs, paramedics, dispatchers, and supervisors across the country. Every American is grateful for their service.

#### SUPPORTING OUR NATION'S VETERANS

(Mrs. MCBATH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MCBATH. Madam Speaker, today I am introducing the Honoring American Veterans in Extreme Need, or HAVEN, Act, with my colleague GREG STEUBE of Florida.

Under current law, when a veteran files for bankruptcy, his or her disability benefits from the VA or DOD count as income that is subject to the reach of creditors; however, Social Security disability benefits are exempt.

The HAVEN Act would amend bankruptcy law to exclude disability benefit payments paid from the VA or DOD from that monthly income calculation, treating it the same as Social Security disability.

Our disabled veterans earned their benefits by serving our great Nation, and we must protect them and their families, especially during financial hardship.

I encourage my colleagues to support our Nation's veterans and cosponsor this bipartisan legislation.

#### HONORING LEE JERNIGAN

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and honor the passage of one of my great constituents, Lee Jernigan of Oroville, California.

During Lee's lifetime, he had joined the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1943 and served as an aerial gunner and airplane mechanic on a B-17 during World War II, where he flew 23 missions in the Asian Pacific.

Lee graduated from Chico State in 1950 and received his master's degree in 1959 in education. Lee was known spe-

cifically for his passion and commitment to God, his family, and for educating the young people of our community.

It should come as no surprise that Lee was a beloved elementary and middle school teacher and then went on to be my principal at Central Middle School in Oroville, California, for 54 years of career. Lee was known to be kind, with a sense of humor, and this was one principal I was never really in trouble with.

Lee was devoted to teaching, but also devoted to his loving wife, Hazel, whom he married in 1948 and remained with for 72 years until his passing.

Lee was a man of extreme dedication and commitment to his wife, to his country, and to learning for the children of his community. Of course, we can all learn from that, as well.

Madam Speaker, God bless Lee Jernigan and his family.

#### HELPING FAMILIES ACHIEVE LIFETIME FINANCIAL SECURITY

(Mr. HORSFORD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HORSFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues in support of the SECURE Act, a bill that gets to the heart of our retirement income crisis.

Unfortunately, too many of my constituents are in danger of not having enough money to put away for retirement. In fact, 86 percent of Nevadans do not feel financially prepared for retirement, and most older Nevadans wished they had saved more money.

Fortunately, the SECURE Act will make it easier for Nevadans to save for their retirement. It makes it easier for small businesses to offer retirement plans to their employees, allows part-time workers to participate in 401(k) plans, and provides relief to pension plans, ranging from rural co-ops to organizations like the Jewish Federation of America.

I am also proud to share that this legislation includes my bill, H.R. 2806, which fixes a provision in the flawed Republican tax plan that raised the tax rate for scholarship and fellowship students up to 37 percent.

As a member of the Ways and Means Committee, I would like to thank Chairman NEAL for his leadership in getting this bipartisan bill passed unanimously through our committee.

The SECURE Act will help families achieve lifetime financial security, a core of the American Dream. I urge every Member of this body to support its passage.

#### CONGRATULATING HAVERFORD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

(Ms. SCANLON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, we all know that elections matter, so I

would like to congratulate the students of Haverford High School for receiving the Governor's Civic Engagement Award. This award is given to Pennsylvania high schools that register over 85 percent of their eligible students to vote. Haverford High was 1 of 4 Philadelphia area schools and 1 of 23 schools in our Commonwealth to receive this noteworthy award.

At a time when some States are imposing restrictions on voting, we should all follow the lead set by the students at Haverford High. They worked to educate their peers and bring them into the electoral process. This Congress should do the same.

We need to ensure that our schools give students a thorough civics education so that they have the knowledge and tools necessary to fully participate in our democracy. We need to expand voting rights and access to the ballot, as we are doing with passage of bills like H.R. 1 and H.R. 4.

Again, Madam Speaker, I want to congratulate the students of Haverford High School for their outstanding achievement and for being an example for all of us to follow.

#### SETTING EVERY COMMUNITY UP FOR RETIREMENT ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2019

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 389, I call up the bill (H.R. 1994) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage retirement savings, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 389, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means, modified by the amendment printed in part B of House Report 116-79, is adopted, and the bill, as amended, is considered read.

The text of the bill, as amended, is as follows:

#### H.R. 1994

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE, ETC.

(a) *SHORT TITLE.*—This Act may be cited as the "Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act of 2019".

(b) *TABLE OF CONTENTS.*—The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

*Sec. 1. Short title, etc.*

#### TITLE I—EXPANDING AND PRESERVING RETIREMENT SAVINGS

*Sec. 101. Multiple employer plans; pooled employer plans.*

*Sec. 102. Increase in 10 percent cap for automatic enrollment safe harbor after 1st plan year.*

*Sec. 103. Rules relating to election of safe harbor 401(k) status.*

*Sec. 104. Increase in credit limitation for small employer pension plan startup costs.*

*Sec. 105. Small employer automatic enrollment credit.*

- Sec. 106. Certain taxable non-tuition fellowship and stipend payments treated as compensation for IRA purposes.
- Sec. 107. Repeal of maximum age for traditional IRA contributions.
- Sec. 108. Qualified employer plans prohibited from making loans through credit cards and other similar arrangements.
- Sec. 109. Portability of lifetime income options.
- Sec. 110. Treatment of custodial accounts on termination of section 403(b) plans.
- Sec. 111. Clarification of retirement income account rules relating to church-controlled organizations.
- Sec. 112. Qualified cash or deferred arrangements must allow long-term employees working more than 500 but less than 1,000 hours per year to participate.
- Sec. 113. Penalty-free withdrawals from retirement plans for individuals in case of birth of child or adoption.
- Sec. 114. Increase in age for required beginning date for mandatory distributions.
- Sec. 115. Special rules for minimum funding standards for community newspaper plans.
- Sec. 116. Treating excluded difficulty of care payments as compensation for determining retirement contribution limitations.

#### TITLE II—ADMINISTRATIVE IMPROVEMENTS

- Sec. 201. Plan adopted by filing due date for year may be treated as in effect as of close of year.
- Sec. 202. Combined annual report for group of plans.
- Sec. 203. Disclosure regarding lifetime income.
- Sec. 204. Fiduciary safe harbor for selection of lifetime income provider.
- Sec. 205. Modification of nondiscrimination rules to protect older, longer service participants.
- Sec. 206. Modification of PBGC premiums for CSEC plans.

#### TITLE III—OTHER BENEFITS

- Sec. 301. Benefits provided to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders.
- Sec. 302. Expansion of section 529 plans.

#### TITLE IV—REVENUE PROVISIONS

- Sec. 401. Modification of required distribution rules for designated beneficiaries.
- Sec. 402. Increase in penalty for failure to file.
- Sec. 403. Increased penalties for failure to file retirement plan returns.
- Sec. 404. Increase information sharing to administer excise taxes.

#### TITLE I—EXPANDING AND PRESERVING RETIREMENT SAVINGS

##### SEC. 101. MULTIPLE EMPLOYER PLANS; POOLED EMPLOYER PLANS.

###### (a) QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 413 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(e) APPLICATION OF QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN MULTIPLE EMPLOYER PLANS WITH POOLED PLAN PROVIDERS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), if a defined contribution plan to which subsection (c) applies—

“(A) is maintained by employers which have a common interest other than having adopted the plan, or

“(B) in the case of a plan not described in subparagraph (A), has a pooled plan provider, then the plan shall not be treated as failing to meet the requirements under this title applicable to a plan described in section 401(a) or to a plan that consists of individual retirement accounts described in section 408 (including by reason of

subsection (c) thereof), whichever is applicable, merely because one or more employers of employees covered by the plan fail to take such actions as are required of such employers for the plan to meet such requirements.

###### “(2) LIMITATIONS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply to any plan unless the terms of the plan provide that in the case of any employer in the plan failing to take the actions described in paragraph (1)—

“(i) the assets of the plan attributable to employees of such employer (or beneficiaries of such employees) will be transferred to a plan maintained only by such employer (or its successor), to an eligible retirement plan as defined in section 402(c)(8)(B) for each individual whose account is transferred, or to any other arrangement that the Secretary determines is appropriate, unless the Secretary determines it is in the best interests of the employees of such employer (and the beneficiaries of such employees) to retain the assets in the plan, and

“(ii) such employer (and not the plan with respect to which the failure occurred or any other employer in such plan) shall, except to the extent provided by the Secretary, be liable for any liabilities with respect to such plan attributable to employees of such employer (or beneficiaries of such employees).

“(B) FAILURES BY POOLED PLAN PROVIDERS.—If the pooled plan provider of a plan described in paragraph (1)(B) does not perform substantially all of the administrative duties which are required of the provider under paragraph (3)(A)(i) for any plan year, the Secretary may provide that the determination as to whether the plan meets the requirements under this title applicable to a plan described in section 401(a) or to a plan that consists of individual retirement accounts described in section 408 (including by reason of subsection (c) thereof), whichever is applicable, shall be made in the same manner as would be made without regard to paragraph (1).

###### “(3) POOLED PLAN PROVIDER.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘pooled plan provider’ means, with respect to any plan, a person who—

“(i) is designated by the terms of the plan as a named fiduciary (within the meaning of section 402(a)(2) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974), as the plan administrator, and as the person responsible to perform all administrative duties (including conducting proper testing with respect to the plan and the employees of each employer in the plan) which are reasonably necessary to ensure that—

“(1) the plan meets any requirement applicable under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 or this title to a plan described in section 401(a) or to a plan that consists of individual retirement accounts described in section 408 (including by reason of subsection (c) thereof), whichever is applicable, and

“(II) each employer in the plan takes such actions as the Secretary or such person determines are necessary for the plan to meet the requirements described in subclause (I), including providing to such person any disclosures or other information which the Secretary may require or which such person otherwise determines are necessary to administer the plan or to allow the plan to meet such requirements,

“(ii) registers as a pooled plan provider with the Secretary, and provides such other information to the Secretary as the Secretary may require, before beginning operations as a pooled plan provider,

“(iii) acknowledges in writing that such person is a named fiduciary (within the meaning of section 402(a)(2) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974), and the plan administrator, with respect to the plan, and

“(iv) is responsible for ensuring that all persons who handle assets of, or who are fiduciaries of, the plan are bonded in accordance with section 412 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

“(B) AUDITS, EXAMINATIONS AND INVESTIGATIONS.—The Secretary may perform audits, examinations, and investigations of pooled plan providers as may be necessary to enforce and carry out the purposes of this subsection.

“(C) AGGREGATION RULES.—For purposes of this paragraph, in determining whether a person meets the requirements of this paragraph to be a pooled plan provider with respect to any plan, all persons who perform services for the plan and who are treated as a single employer under subsection (b), (c), (m), or (o) of section 414 shall be treated as one person.

“(D) TREATMENT OF EMPLOYERS AS PLAN SPONSORS.—Except with respect to the administrative duties of the pooled plan provider described in subparagraph (A)(i), each employer in a plan which has a pooled plan provider shall be treated as the plan sponsor with respect to the portion of the plan attributable to employees of such employer (or beneficiaries of such employees).

###### “(4) GUIDANCE.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall issue such guidance as the Secretary determines appropriate to carry out this subsection, including guidance—

“(i) to identify the administrative duties and other actions required to be performed by a pooled plan provider under this subsection,

“(ii) which describes the procedures to be taken to terminate a plan which fails to meet the requirements to be a plan described in paragraph (1), including the proper treatment of, and actions needed to be taken by, any employer in the plan and the assets and liabilities of the plan attributable to employees of such employer (or beneficiaries of such employees), and

“(iii) identifying appropriate cases to which the rules of paragraph (2)(A) will apply to employers in the plan failing to take the actions described in paragraph (1).

The Secretary shall take into account under clause (iii) whether the failure of an employer or pooled plan provider to provide any disclosures or other information, or to take any other action, necessary to administer a plan or to allow a plan to meet requirements applicable to the plan under section 401(a) or 408, whichever is applicable, has continued over a period of time that demonstrates a lack of commitment to compliance.

“(B) GOOD FAITH COMPLIANCE WITH LAW BEFORE GUIDANCE.—An employer or pooled plan provider shall not be treated as failing to meet a requirement of guidance issued by the Secretary under this paragraph if, before the issuance of such guidance, the employer or pooled plan provider complies in good faith with a reasonable interpretation of the provisions of this subsection to which such guidance relates.

“(5) MODEL PLAN.—The Secretary shall publish model plan language which meets the requirements of this subsection and of paragraphs (43) and (44) of section 3 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and which may be adopted in order for a plan to be treated as a plan described in paragraph (1)(B).”.

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 413(c)(2) of such Code is amended by striking “section 401(a)” and inserting “sections 401(a) and 408(c)”.

(3) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section 408(c) of such Code is amended by inserting after paragraph (2) the following new paragraph:

“(3) There is a separate accounting for any interest of an employee or member (or spouse of an employee or member) in a Roth IRA.”.

(b) NO COMMON INTEREST REQUIRED FOR POOLED EMPLOYER PLANS.—Section 3(2) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1002(2)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(C) A pooled employer plan shall be treated as—

“(i) a single employee pension benefit plan or single pension plan; and

“(ii) a plan to which section 210(a) applies.”.

(c) POOLED EMPLOYER PLAN AND PROVIDER DEFINED.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 3 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1002) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(43) POOLED EMPLOYER PLAN.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘pooled employer plan’ means a plan—

“(i) which is an individual account plan established or maintained for the purpose of providing benefits to the employees of 2 or more employers;

“(ii) which is a plan described in section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 which includes a trust exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such Code or a plan that consists of individual retirement accounts described in section 408 of such Code (including by reason of subsection (c) thereof); and

“(iii) the terms of which meet the requirements of subparagraph (B).

Such term shall not include a plan maintained by employers which have a common interest other than having adopted the plan.

“(B) REQUIREMENTS FOR PLAN TERMS.—The requirements of this subparagraph are met with respect to any plan if the terms of the plan—

“(i) designate a pooled plan provider and provide that the pooled plan provider is a named fiduciary of the plan;

“(ii) designate one or more trustees meeting the requirements of section 408(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (other than an employer in the plan) to be responsible for collecting contributions to, and holding the assets of, the plan and require such trustees to implement written contribution collection procedures that are reasonable, diligent, and systematic;

“(iii) provide that each employer in the plan retains fiduciary responsibility for—

“(I) the selection and monitoring in accordance with section 404(a) of the person designated as the pooled plan provider and any other person who, in addition to the pooled plan provider, is designated as a named fiduciary of the plan; and

“(II) to the extent not otherwise delegated to another fiduciary by the pooled plan provider and subject to the provisions of section 404(c), the investment and management of the portion of the plan’s assets attributable to the employees of the employer (or beneficiaries of such employees);

“(iv) provide that employers in the plan, and participants and beneficiaries, are not subject to unreasonable restrictions, fees, or penalties with regard to ceasing participation, receipt of distributions, or otherwise transferring assets of the plan in accordance with section 208 or paragraph (44)(C)(i)(II);

“(v) require—

“(I) the pooled plan provider to provide to employers in the plan any disclosures or other information which the Secretary may require, including any disclosures or other information to facilitate the selection or any monitoring of the pooled plan provider by employers in the plan; and

“(II) each employer in the plan to take such actions as the Secretary or the pooled plan provider determines are necessary to administer the plan or for the plan to meet any requirement applicable under this Act or the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to a plan described in section 401(a) of such Code or to a plan that consists of individual retirement accounts described in section 408 of such Code (including by reason of subsection (c) thereof), whichever is applicable, including providing any disclosures or other information which the Secretary may require or which the pooled plan provider otherwise determines are necessary to administer the plan or to allow the plan to meet such requirements; and

“(vi) provide that any disclosure or other information required to be provided under clause

(v) may be provided in electronic form and will be designed to ensure only reasonable costs are imposed on pooled plan providers and employers in the plan.

“(C) EXCEPTIONS.—The term ‘pooled employer plan’ does not include—

“(i) a multiemployer plan; or

“(ii) a plan established before the date of the enactment of the Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act of 2019 unless the plan administrator elects that the plan will be treated as a pooled employer plan and the plan meets the requirements of this title applicable to a pooled employer plan established on or after such date.

“(D) TREATMENT OF EMPLOYERS AS PLAN SPONSORS.—Except with respect to the administrative duties of the pooled plan provider described in paragraph (44)(A)(i), each employer in a pooled employer plan shall be treated as the plan sponsor with respect to the portion of the plan attributable to employees of such employer (or beneficiaries of such employees).

“(44) POOLED PLAN PROVIDER.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘pooled plan provider’ means a person who—

“(i) is designated by the terms of a pooled employer plan as a named fiduciary, as the plan administrator, and as the person responsible for the performance of all administrative duties (including conducting proper testing with respect to the plan and the employees of each employer in the plan) which are reasonably necessary to ensure that—

“(I) the plan meets any requirement applicable under this Act or the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to a plan described in section 401(a) of such Code or to a plan that consists of individual retirement accounts described in section 408 of such Code (including by reason of subsection (c) thereof), whichever is applicable; and

“(II) each employer in the plan takes such actions as the Secretary or pooled plan provider determines are necessary for the plan to meet the requirements described in subclause (I), including providing the disclosures and information described in paragraph (43)(B)(v)(II);

“(ii) registers as a pooled plan provider with the Secretary, and provides to the Secretary such other information as the Secretary may require, before beginning operations as a pooled plan provider;

“(iii) acknowledges in writing that such person is a named fiduciary, and the plan administrator, with respect to the pooled employer plan; and

“(iv) is responsible for ensuring that all persons who handle assets of, or who are fiduciaries of, the pooled employer plan are bonded in accordance with section 412.

“(B) AUDITS, EXAMINATIONS AND INVESTIGATIONS.—The Secretary may perform audits, examinations, and investigations of pooled plan providers as may be necessary to enforce and carry out the purposes of this paragraph and paragraph (43).

“(C) GUIDANCE.—The Secretary shall issue such guidance as the Secretary determines appropriate to carry out this paragraph and paragraph (43), including guidance—

“(i) to identify the administrative duties and other actions required to be performed by a pooled plan provider under either such paragraph; and

“(ii) which requires in appropriate cases that if an employer in the plan fails to take the actions required under subparagraph (A)(i)(II)—

“(I) the assets of the plan attributable to employees of such employer (or beneficiaries of such employees) are transferred to a plan maintained only by such employer (or its successor), to an eligible retirement plan as defined in section 402(c)(8)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 for each individual whose account is transferred, or to any other arrangement that the Secretary determines is appropriate in such guidance; and

“(II) such employer (and not the plan with respect to which the failure occurred or any other

employer in such plan) shall, except to the extent provided in such guidance, be liable for any liabilities with respect to such plan attributable to employees of such employer (or beneficiaries of such employees).

The Secretary shall take into account under clause (ii) whether the failure of an employer or pooled plan provider to provide any disclosures or other information, or to take any other action, necessary to administer a plan or to allow a plan to meet requirements described in subparagraph (A)(i)(II) has continued over a period of time that demonstrates a lack of commitment to compliance. The Secretary may waive the requirements of subclause (ii)(I) in appropriate circumstances if the Secretary determines it is in the best interests of the employees of the employer referred to in such clause (and the beneficiaries of such employees) to retain the assets in the plan with respect to which the employer’s failure occurred.

“(D) GOOD FAITH COMPLIANCE WITH LAW BEFORE GUIDANCE.—An employer or pooled plan provider shall not be treated as failing to meet a requirement of guidance issued by the Secretary under subparagraph (C) if, before the issuance of such guidance, the employer or pooled plan provider complies in good faith with a reasonable interpretation of the provisions of this paragraph, or paragraph (43), to which such guidance relates.

“(E) AGGREGATION RULES.—For purposes of this paragraph, in determining whether a person meets the requirements of this paragraph to be a pooled plan provider with respect to any plan, all persons who perform services for the plan and who are treated as a single employer under subsection (b), (c), (m), or (o) of section 414 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 shall be treated as one person.”.

(2) BONDING REQUIREMENTS FOR POOLED EMPLOYER PLANS.—The last sentence of section 412(a) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1112(a)) is amended by inserting “or in the case of a pooled employer plan (as defined in section 3(43))” after “section 407(d)(1))”.

(3) CONFORMING AND TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—Section 3 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1002) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (16)(B)—

(i) by striking “or” at the end of clause (ii); and

(ii) by striking the period at the end and inserting “, or (iv) in the case of a pooled employer plan, the pooled plan provider.”; and

(B) by striking the second paragraph (41).

(d) POOLED EMPLOYER AND MULTIPLE EMPLOYER PLAN REPORTING.—

(1) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—Section 103 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1023) is amended—

(A) in subsection (a)(1)(B), by striking “applicable subsections (d), (e), and (f)” and inserting “applicable subsections (d), (e), (f), and (g)”; and

(B) by amending subsection (g) to read as follows:

“(g) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO POOLED EMPLOYER AND MULTIPLE EMPLOYER PLANS.—An annual report under this section for a plan year shall include—

“(1) with respect to any plan to which section 210(a) applies (including a pooled employer plan), a list of employers in the plan and a good faith estimate of the percentage of total contributions made by such employers during the plan year and the aggregate account balances attributable to each employer in the plan (determined as the sum of the account balances of the employees of such employer (and the beneficiaries of such employees)); and

“(2) with respect to a pooled employer plan, the identifying information for the person designated under the terms of the plan as the pooled plan provider.”.

(2) **SIMPLIFIED ANNUAL REPORTS.**—Section 104(a) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1024(a)) is amended by striking paragraph (2)(A) and inserting the following:

“(2)(A) With respect to annual reports required to be filed with the Secretary under this part, the Secretary may by regulation prescribe simplified annual reports for any pension plan that—

“(i) covers fewer than 100 participants; or

“(ii) is a plan described in section 210(a) that covers fewer than 1,000 participants, but only if no single employer in the plan has 100 or more participants covered by the plan.”.

(e) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The amendments made by this section shall apply to plan years beginning after December 31, 2020.

(2) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in the amendments made by subsection (a) shall be construed as limiting the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury or the Secretary's delegate (determined without regard to such amendment) to provide for the proper treatment of a failure to meet any requirement applicable under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 with respect to one employer (and its employees) in a multiple employer plan.

**SEC. 102. INCREASE IN 10 PERCENT CAP FOR AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT SAFE HARBOR AFTER 1ST PLAN YEAR.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 401(k)(13)(C)(iii) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “does not exceed 10 percent” and inserting “does not exceed 15 percent (10 percent during the period described in subclause (I))”.

(b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by this section shall apply to plan years beginning after December 31, 2019.

**SEC. 103. RULES RELATING TO ELECTION OF SAFE HARBOR 401(k) STATUS.**

(a) **LIMITATION OF ANNUAL SAFE HARBOR NOTICE TO MATCHING CONTRIBUTION PLANS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Subparagraph (A) of section 401(k)(12) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “if such arrangement” and all that follows and inserting “if such arrangement—

“(i) meets the contribution requirements of subparagraph (B) and the notice requirements of subparagraph (D), or

“(ii) meets the contribution requirements of subparagraph (C).”.

(2) **AUTOMATIC CONTRIBUTION ARRANGEMENTS.**—Subparagraph (B) of section 401(k)(13) of such Code is amended by striking “means” and all that follows and inserting “means a cash or deferred arrangement—

“(i) which is described in subparagraph (D)(i)(I) and meets the applicable requirements of subparagraphs (C) through (E), or

“(ii) which is described in subparagraph (D)(i)(II) and meets the applicable requirements of subparagraphs (C) and (D).”.

(b) **NONELECTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS.**—Section 401(k)(12) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by redesignating subparagraph (F) as subparagraph (G), and by inserting after subparagraph (E) the following new subparagraph:

“(F) **TIMING OF PLAN AMENDMENT FOR EMPLOYER MAKING NONELECTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS.**—

“(i) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as provided in clause (ii), a plan may be amended after the beginning of a plan year to provide that the requirements of subparagraph (C) shall apply to the arrangement for the plan year, but only if the amendment is adopted—

“(I) at any time before the 30th day before the close of the plan year, or

“(II) at any time before the last day under paragraph (8)(A) for distributing excess contributions for the plan year.

“(ii) **EXCEPTION WHERE PLAN PROVIDED FOR MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS.**—Clause (i) shall not apply to any plan year if the plan provided at any time during the plan year that the requirements of subparagraph (B) or paragraph (13)(D)(i)(I) applied to the plan year.

“(iii) **4-PERCENT CONTRIBUTION REQUIREMENT.**—Clause (i)(II) shall not apply to an arrangement unless the amount of the contributions described in subparagraph (C) which the employer is required to make under the arrangement for the plan year with respect to any employee is an amount equal to at least 4 percent of the employee's compensation.”.

(c) **AUTOMATIC CONTRIBUTION ARRANGEMENTS.**—Section 401(k)(13) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(F) **TIMING OF PLAN AMENDMENT FOR EMPLOYER MAKING NONELECTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS.**—

“(i) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as provided in clause (ii), a plan may be amended after the beginning of a plan year to provide that the requirements of subparagraph (D)(i)(II) shall apply to the arrangement for the plan year, but only if the amendment is adopted—

“(I) at any time before the 30th day before the close of the plan year, or

“(II) at any time before the last day under paragraph (8)(A) for distributing excess contributions for the plan year.

“(ii) **EXCEPTION WHERE PLAN PROVIDED FOR MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS.**—Clause (i) shall not apply to any plan year if the plan provided at any time during the plan year that the requirements of subparagraph (D)(i)(I) or paragraph (12)(B) applied to the plan year.

“(iii) **4-PERCENT CONTRIBUTION REQUIREMENT.**—Clause (i)(II) shall not apply to an arrangement unless the amount of the contributions described in subparagraph (D)(i)(II) which the employer is required to make under the arrangement for the plan year with respect to any employee is an amount equal to at least 4 percent of the employee's compensation.”.

(d) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by this section shall apply to plan years beginning after December 31, 2019.

**SEC. 104. INCREASE IN CREDIT LIMITATION FOR SMALL EMPLOYER PENSION PLAN STARTUP COSTS.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Paragraph (1) of section 45E(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended to read as follows:

“(1) for the first credit year and each of the 2 taxable years immediately following the first credit year, the greater of—

“(A) \$500, or

“(B) the lesser of—

“(i) \$250 for each employee of the eligible employer who is not a highly compensated employee (as defined in section 414(q)) and who is eligible to participate in the eligible employer plan maintained by the eligible employer, or

“(ii) \$5,000, and”.

(b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2019.

**SEC. 105. SMALL EMPLOYER AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT CREDIT.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Subpart D of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

“**SEC. 45T. AUTO-ENROLLMENT OPTION FOR RETIREMENT SAVINGS OPTIONS PROVIDED BY SMALL EMPLOYERS.**

“(a) **IN GENERAL.**—For purposes of section 38, in the case of an eligible employer, the retirement auto-enrollment credit determined under this section for any taxable year is an amount equal to—

“(1) \$500 for any taxable year occurring during the credit period, and

“(2) zero for any other taxable year.

“(b) **CREDIT PERIOD.**—For purposes of subsection (a)—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The credit period with respect to any eligible employer is the 3-taxable-year period beginning with the first taxable year for which the employer includes an eligible automatic contribution arrangement (as defined in section 414(w)(3)) in a qualified employer plan (as defined in section 4972(d)) sponsored by the employer.

“(2) **MAINTENANCE OF ARRANGEMENT.**—No taxable year with respect to an employer shall be treated as occurring within the credit period unless the arrangement described in paragraph (1) is included in the plan for such year.

“(c) **ELIGIBLE EMPLOYER.**—For purposes of this section, the term ‘eligible employer’ has the meaning given such term in section 408(p)(2)(C)(i).”.

(b) **CREDIT TO BE PART OF GENERAL BUSINESS CREDIT.**—Subsection (b) of section 38 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “plus” at the end of paragraph (31), by striking the period at the end of paragraph (32) and inserting “, plus”, and by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(33) in the case of an eligible employer (as defined in section 45T(c)), the retirement auto-enrollment credit determined under section 45T(a).”.

(c) **CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**—The table of sections for subpart D of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 45S the following new item:

“Sec. 45T. Auto-enrollment option for retirement savings options provided by small employers.”.

(d) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2019.

**SEC. 106. CERTAIN TAXABLE NON-TUITION FELLOWSHIP AND STIPEND PAYMENTS TREATED AS COMPENSATION FOR IRA PURPOSES.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Paragraph (1) of section 219(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following: “The term ‘compensation’ shall include any amount which is included in the individual's gross income and paid to the individual to aid the individual in the pursuit of graduate or postdoctoral study.”.

(b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2019.

**SEC. 107. REPEAL OF MAXIMUM AGE FOR TRADITIONAL IRA CONTRIBUTIONS.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Paragraph (1) of section 219(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is repealed.

(b) **COORDINATION WITH QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS.**—Add at the end of section 408(d)(8)(A) of such Code the following: “The amount of distributions not includible in gross income by reason of the preceding sentence for a taxable year (determined without regard to this sentence) shall be reduced (but not below zero) by an amount equal to the excess of—

“(i) the aggregate amount of deductions allowed to the taxpayer under section 219 for all taxable years ending on or after the date the taxpayer attains age 70½, over

“(ii) the aggregate amount of reductions under this sentence for all taxable years preceding the current taxable year.”.

(b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—Subsection (c) of section 408A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking paragraph (4) and by redesignating paragraphs (5), (6), and (7) as paragraphs (4), (5), and (6), respectively.

(c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the amendments made by this section shall apply to contributions made for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2019.

(2) **SUBSECTION (b).**—The amendment made by subsection (b) shall apply to distributions made for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2019.

**SEC. 108. QUALIFIED EMPLOYER PLANS PROHIBITED FROM MAKING LOANS THROUGH CREDIT CARDS AND OTHER SIMILAR ARRANGEMENTS.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Paragraph (2) of section 72(p) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by redesignating subparagraph (D) as subparagraph (E) and by inserting after subparagraph (C) the following new subparagraph:

“(D) **PROHIBITION OF LOANS THROUGH CREDIT CARDS AND OTHER SIMILAR ARRANGEMENTS.**—Subparagraph (A) shall not apply to any loan which is made through the use of any credit card or any other similar arrangement.”.

(b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall apply to loans made after the date of the enactment of this Act.

**SEC. 109. PORTABILITY OF LIFETIME INCOME OPTIONS.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Subsection (a) of section 401 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by inserting after paragraph (37) the following new paragraph:

“(38) **PORTABILITY OF LIFETIME INCOME.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as may be otherwise provided by regulations, a trust forming part of a defined contribution plan shall not be treated as failing to constitute a qualified trust under this section solely by reason of allowing—

“(i) qualified distributions of a lifetime income investment, or

“(ii) distributions of a lifetime income investment in the form of a qualified plan distribution annuity contract,

on or after the date that is 90 days prior to the date on which such lifetime income investment is no longer authorized to be held as an investment option under the plan.

“(B) **DEFINITIONS.**—For purposes of this subsection—

“(i) the term ‘qualified distribution’ means a direct trustee-to-trustee transfer described in paragraph (31)(A) to an eligible retirement plan (as defined in section 402(c)(8)(B)),

“(ii) the term ‘lifetime income investment’ means an investment option which is designed to provide an employee with election rights—

“(I) which are not uniformly available with respect to other investment options under the plan, and

“(II) which are to a lifetime income feature available through a contract or other arrangement offered under the plan (or under another eligible retirement plan (as so defined), if paid by means of a direct trustee-to-trustee transfer described in paragraph (31)(A) to such other eligible retirement plan),

“(iii) the term ‘lifetime income feature’ means—

“(I) a feature which guarantees a minimum level of income annually (or more frequently) for at least the remainder of the life of the employee or the joint lives of the employee and the employee’s designated beneficiary, or

“(II) an annuity payable on behalf of the employee under which payments are made in substantially equal periodic payments (not less frequently than annually) over the life of the employee or the joint lives of the employee and the employee’s designated beneficiary, and

“(iv) the term ‘qualified plan distribution annuity contract’ means an annuity contract purchased for a participant and distributed to the participant by a plan or contract described in subparagraph (B) of section 402(c)(8) (without regard to clauses (i) and (ii) thereof).”.

(b) **CASH OR DEFERRED ARRANGEMENT.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Clause (i) of section 401(k)(2)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “or” at the end of subclause (IV), by striking “and” at the end of subclause (V) and inserting “or”, and by adding at the end the following new subclause:

“(VI) except as may be otherwise provided by regulations, with respect to amounts invested in a lifetime income investment (as defined in subsection (a)(38)(B)(ii)), the date that is 90 days prior to the date that such lifetime income in-

vestment may no longer be held as an investment option under the arrangement, and”.

(2) **DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENT.**—Subparagraph (B) of section 401(k)(2) of such Code, as amended by paragraph (1), is amended by striking “and” at the end of clause (i), by striking the semicolon at the end of clause (ii) and inserting “, and”, and by adding at the end the following new clause:

“(iii) except as may be otherwise provided by regulations, in the case of amounts described in clause (i)(VI), will be distributed only in the form of a qualified distribution (as defined in subsection (a)(38)(B)(i)) or a qualified plan distribution annuity contract (as defined in subsection (a)(38)(B)(iv)).”.

(c) **SECTION 403(b) PLANS.**—

(1) **ANNUITY CONTRACTS.**—Paragraph (11) of section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “or” at the end of subparagraph (B), by striking the period at the end of subparagraph (C) and inserting “, or”, and by inserting after subparagraph (C) the following new subparagraph:

“(D) except as may be otherwise provided by regulations, with respect to amounts invested in a lifetime income investment (as defined in section 401(a)(38)(B)(ii))—

“(i) on or after the date that is 90 days prior to the date that such lifetime income investment may no longer be held as an investment option under the contract, and

“(ii) in the form of a qualified distribution (as defined in section 401(a)(38)(B)(i)) or a qualified plan distribution annuity contract (as defined in section 401(a)(38)(B)(iv)).”.

(2) **CUSTODIAL ACCOUNTS.**—Subparagraph (A) of section 403(b)(7) of such Code is amended by striking “if—” and all that follows and inserting “if the amounts are to be invested in regulated investment company stock to be held in that custodial account, and under the custodial account—

“(i) no such amounts may be paid or made available to any distributee (unless such amount is a distribution to which section 72(t)(2)(G) applies) before—

“(I) the employee dies,

“(II) the employee attains age 59½,

“(III) the employee has a severance from employment,

“(IV) the employee becomes disabled (within the meaning of section 72(m)(7)),

“(V) in the case of contributions made pursuant to a salary reduction agreement (within the meaning of section 3121(a)(5)(D)), the employee encounters financial hardship, or

“(VI) except as may be otherwise provided by regulations, with respect to amounts invested in a lifetime income investment (as defined in section 401(a)(38)(B)(ii)), the date that is 90 days prior to the date that such lifetime income investment may no longer be held as an investment option under the contract, and

“(ii) in the case of amounts described in clause (i)(VI), such amounts will be distributed only in the form of a qualified distribution (as defined in section 401(a)(38)(B)(i)) or a qualified plan distribution annuity contract (as defined in section 401(a)(38)(B)(iv)).”.

(d) **ELIGIBLE DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLANS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Subparagraph (A) of section 457(d)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “or” at the end of clause (ii), by inserting “or” at the end of clause (iii), and by adding after clause (iii) the following:

“(iv) except as may be otherwise provided by regulations, in the case of a plan maintained by an employer described in subsection (e)(1)(A), with respect to amounts invested in a lifetime income investment (as defined in section 401(a)(38)(B)(ii)), the date that is 90 days prior to the date that such lifetime income investment may no longer be held as an investment option under the plan.”.

(2) **DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENT.**—Paragraph (1) of section 457(d) of such Code is amended by

striking “and” at the end of subparagraph (B), by striking the period at the end of subparagraph (C) and inserting “, and”, and by inserting after subparagraph (C) the following new subparagraph:

“(D) except as may be otherwise provided by regulations, in the case of amounts described in subparagraph (A)(iv), such amounts will be distributed only in the form of a qualified distribution (as defined in section 401(a)(38)(B)(i)) or a qualified plan distribution annuity contract (as defined in section 401(a)(38)(B)(iv)).”.

(e) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by this section shall apply to plan years beginning after December 31, 2019.

**SEC. 110. TREATMENT OF CUSTODIAL ACCOUNTS ON TERMINATION OF SECTION 403(b) PLANS.**

Not later than six months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Treasury shall issue guidance to provide that, if an employer terminates the plan under which amounts are contributed to a custodial account under subparagraph (A) of section 403(b)(7), the plan administrator or custodian may distribute an individual custodial account in kind to a participant or beneficiary of the plan and the distributed custodial account shall be maintained by the custodian on a tax-deferred basis as a section 403(b)(7) custodial account, similar to the treatment of fully-paid individual annuity contracts under Revenue Ruling 2011-7, until amounts are actually paid to the participant or beneficiary. The guidance shall provide further (i) that the section 403(b)(7) status of the distributed custodial account is generally maintained if the custodial account thereafter adheres to the requirements of section 403(b) that are in effect at the time of the distribution of the account and (ii) that a custodial account would not be considered distributed to the participant or beneficiary if the employer has any material retained rights under the account (but the employer would not be treated as retaining material rights simply because the custodial account was originally opened under a group contract). Such guidance shall be retroactively effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008.

**SEC. 111. CLARIFICATION OF RETIREMENT INCOME ACCOUNT RULES RELATING TO CHURCH-CONTROLLED ORGANIZATIONS.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Subparagraph (B) of section 403(b)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by inserting “(including an employee described in section 414(e)(3)(B))” after “employee described in paragraph (1)”.

(b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by this section shall apply to years beginning before, on, or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

**SEC. 112. QUALIFIED CASH OR DEFERRED ARRANGEMENTS MUST ALLOW LONG-TERM EMPLOYEES WORKING MORE THAN 500 BUT LESS THAN 1,000 HOURS PER YEAR TO PARTICIPATE.**

(a) **PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 401(k)(2)(D) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended to read as follows:

“(D) which does not require, as a condition of participation in the arrangement, that an employee complete a period of service with the employer (or employers) maintaining the plan extending beyond the close of the earlier of—

“(i) the period permitted under section 410(a)(1) (determined without regard to subparagraph (B)(i) thereof), or

“(ii) subject to the provisions of paragraph (15), the first period of 3 consecutive 12-month periods during each of which the employee has at least 500 hours of service.”.

(2) **SPECIAL RULES.**—Section 401(k) of such Code is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(15) **SPECIAL RULES FOR PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT FOR LONG-TERM, PART-TIME WORKERS.**—For purposes of paragraph (2)(D)(ii)—



“(A) AGE REQUIREMENT MUST BE MET.—Paragraph (2)(D)(ii) shall not apply to an employee unless the employee has met the requirement of section 410(a)(1)(A)(i) by the close of the last of the 12-month periods described in such paragraph.”

“(B) NONDISCRIMINATION AND TOP-HEAVY RULES NOT TO APPLY.—

“(i) NONDISCRIMINATION RULES.—In the case of employees who are eligible to participate in the arrangement solely by reason of paragraph (2)(D)(ii)—

“(I) notwithstanding subsection (a)(4), an employer shall not be required to make nonelective or matching contributions on behalf of such employees even if such contributions are made on behalf of other employees eligible to participate in the arrangement, and

“(II) an employer may elect to exclude such employees from the application of subsection (a)(4), paragraphs (3), (12), and (13), subsection (m)(2), and section 410(b).

“(ii) TOP-HEAVY RULES.—An employer may elect to exclude all employees who are eligible to participate in a plan maintained by the employer solely by reason of paragraph (2)(D)(ii) from the application of the vesting and benefit requirements under subsections (b) and (c) of section 416.

“(iii) VESTING.—For purposes of determining whether an employee described in clause (i) has a nonforfeitable right to employer contributions (other than contributions described in paragraph (3)(D)(i)) under the arrangement, each 12-month period for which the employee has at least 500 hours of service shall be treated as a year of service and section 411(a)(6) shall be applied by substituting ‘at least 500 hours of service’ for ‘more than 500 hours of service’ in subparagraph (A) thereof.

“(iv) EMPLOYEES WHO BECOME FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES.—This subparagraph (other than clause (iii)) shall cease to apply to any employee as of the first plan year beginning after the plan year in which the employee meets the requirements of section 410(a)(1)(A)(ii) without regard to paragraph (2)(D)(ii).

“(C) EXCEPTION FOR EMPLOYEES UNDER COLLECTIVELY BARGAINED PLANS, ETC.—Paragraph (2)(D)(ii) shall not apply to employees described in section 410(b)(3).

“(D) SPECIAL RULES.—

“(i) TIME OF PARTICIPATION.—The rules of section 410(a)(4) shall apply to an employee eligible to participate in an arrangement solely by reason of paragraph (2)(D)(ii).

“(ii) 12-MONTH PERIODS.—12-month periods shall be determined in the same manner as under the last sentence of section 410(a)(3)(A).”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to plan years beginning after December 31, 2020, except that, for purposes of section 401(k)(2)(D)(ii) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (as added by such amendments), 12-month periods beginning before January 1, 2021, shall not be taken into account.

#### **SEC. 113. PENALTY-FREE WITHDRAWALS FROM RETIREMENT PLANS FOR INDIVIDUALS IN CASE OF BIRTH OF CHILD OR ADOPTION.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 72(t)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(H) DISTRIBUTIONS FROM RETIREMENT PLANS IN CASE OF BIRTH OF CHILD OR ADOPTION.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Any qualified birth or adoption distribution.

“(ii) LIMITATION.—The aggregate amount which may be treated as qualified birth or adoption distributions by any individual with respect to any birth or adoption shall not exceed \$5,000.

“(iii) QUALIFIED BIRTH OR ADOPTION DISTRIBUTION.—For purposes of this subparagraph—

“(I) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘qualified birth or adoption distribution’ means any distribution from an applicable eligible retirement plan to an individual if made during the 1-year period be-

ginning on the date on which a child of the individual is born or on which the legal adoption by the individual of an eligible adoptee is finalized.

“(II) ELIGIBLE ADOPTEE.—The term ‘eligible adoptee’ means any individual (other than a child of the taxpayer’s spouse) who has not attained age 18 or is physically or mentally incapable of self-support.

“(iv) TREATMENT OF PLAN DISTRIBUTIONS.—

“(I) IN GENERAL.—If a distribution to an individual would (without regard to clause (ii)) be a qualified birth or adoption distribution, a plan shall not be treated as failing to meet any requirement of this title merely because the plan treats the distribution as a qualified birth or adoption distribution, unless the aggregate amount of such distributions from all plans maintained by the employer (and any member of any controlled group which includes the employer) to such individual exceeds \$5,000.

“(II) CONTROLLED GROUP.—For purposes of subclause (I), the term ‘controlled group’ means any group treated as a single employer under subsection (b), (c), (m), or (o) of section 414.

“(v) AMOUNT DISTRIBUTED MAY BE REPAYED.—

“(I) IN GENERAL.—Any individual who receives a qualified birth or adoption distribution may make one or more contributions in an aggregate amount not to exceed the amount of such distribution to an applicable eligible retirement plan of which such individual is a beneficiary and to which a rollover contribution of such distribution could be made under section 402(c), 403(a)(4), 403(b)(8), 408(d)(3), or 457(e)(16), as the case may be.

“(II) LIMITATION ON CONTRIBUTIONS TO APPLICABLE ELIGIBLE RETIREMENT PLANS OTHER THAN IRAS.—The aggregate amount of contributions made by an individual under subclause (I) to any applicable eligible retirement plan which is not an individual retirement plan shall not exceed the aggregate amount of qualified birth or adoption distributions which are made from such plan to such individual. Subclause (I) shall not apply to contributions to any applicable eligible retirement plan unless the individual is eligible to make contributions (other than those described in subclause (I)) to such applicable eligible retirement plan.

“(III) TREATMENT OF REPAYMENTS OF DISTRIBUTIONS FROM APPLICABLE ELIGIBLE RETIREMENT PLANS OTHER THAN IRAS.—If a contribution is made under subclause (I) with respect to a qualified birth or adoption distribution from an applicable eligible retirement plan other than an individual retirement plan, then the taxpayer shall, to the extent of the amount of the contribution, be treated as having received such distribution in an eligible rollover distribution (as defined in section 402(c)(4)) and as having transferred the amount to the applicable eligible retirement plan in a direct trustee to trustee transfer within 60 days of the distribution.

“(IV) TREATMENT OF REPAYMENTS FOR DISTRIBUTIONS FROM IRAS.—If a contribution is made under subclause (I) with respect to a qualified birth or adoption distribution from an individual retirement plan, then, to the extent of the amount of the contribution, such distribution shall be treated as a distribution described in section 408(d)(3) and as having been transferred to the applicable eligible retirement plan in a direct trustee to trustee transfer within 60 days of the distribution.

“(vi) DEFINITION AND SPECIAL RULES.—For purposes of this subparagraph—

“(I) APPLICABLE ELIGIBLE RETIREMENT PLAN.—The term ‘applicable eligible retirement plan’ means an eligible retirement plan (as defined in section 402(c)(8)(B)) other than a defined benefit plan.

“(II) EXEMPTION OF DISTRIBUTIONS FROM TRUSTEE TO TRUSTEE TRANSFER AND WITHHOLDING RULES.—For purposes of sections 401(a)(31), 402(f), and 3405, a qualified birth or adoption distribution shall not be treated as an eligible rollover distribution.

“(III) TAXPAYER MUST INCLUDE TIN.—A distribution shall not be treated as a qualified birth or adoption distribution with respect to any child or eligible adoptee unless the taxpayer includes the name, age, and TIN of such child or eligible adoptee on the taxpayer’s return of tax for the taxable year.

“(IV) DISTRIBUTIONS TREATED AS MEETING PLAN DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS.—Any qualified birth or adoption distribution shall be treated as meeting the requirements of sections 401(k)(2)(B)(i), 403(b)(7)(A)(ii), 403(b)(11), and 457(d)(1)(A).”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to distributions made after December 31, 2019.

#### **SEC. 114. INCREASE IN AGE FOR REQUIRED BEGINNING DATE FOR MANDATORY DISTRIBUTIONS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 401(a)(9)(C)(i)(I) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “age 70½” and inserting “age 72”.

(b) SPOUSE BENEFICIARIES; SPECIAL RULE FOR OWNERS.—Subparagraphs (B)(iv)(I) and (C)(ii)(I) of section 401(a)(9) of such Code are each amended by striking “age 70½” and inserting “age 72”.

(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) The last sentence of section 408(b) of such Code is amended by striking “age 70½” and inserting “age 72”.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to distributions required to be made after December 31, 2019, with respect to individuals who attain age 70½ after such date.

#### **SEC. 115. SPECIAL RULES FOR MINIMUM FUNDING STANDARDS FOR COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER PLANS.**

(a) AMENDMENT TO INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986.—Section 430 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(m) SPECIAL RULES FOR COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER PLANS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The plan sponsor of a community newspaper plan under which no participant has had the participant’s accrued benefit increased (whether because of service or compensation) after December 31, 2017, may elect to have the alternative standards described in paragraph (3) apply to such plan, and any plan sponsored by any member of the same controlled group.

“(2) ELECTION.—An election under paragraph (1) shall be made at such time and in such manner as prescribed by the Secretary. Such election, once made with respect to a plan year, shall apply to all subsequent plan years unless revoked with the consent of the Secretary.

“(3) ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM FUNDING STANDARDS.—The alternative standards described in this paragraph are the following:

“(A) INTEREST RATES.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsection (h)(2)(C) and except as provided in clause (ii), the first, second, and third segment rates in effect for any month for purposes of this section shall be 8 percent.

“(ii) NEW BENEFIT ACCRUALS.—Notwithstanding subsection (h)(2), for purposes of determining the funding target and normal cost of a plan for any plan year, the present value of any benefits accrued or earned under the plan for a plan year with respect to which an election under paragraph (1) is in effect shall be determined on the basis of the U.S. Treasury obligation yield curve for the day that is the valuation date of such plan for such plan year.

“(iii) U.S. TREASURY OBLIGATION YIELD CURVE.—For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘U.S. Treasury obligation yield curve’ means, with respect to any day, a yield curve which shall be prescribed by the Secretary for such day on interest-bearing obligations of the United States.

“(B) SHORTFALL AMORTIZATION BASE.—

“(i) PREVIOUS SHORTFALL AMORTIZATION BASES.—The shortfall amortization bases determined under subsection (c)(3) for all plan years

preceding the first plan year to which the election under paragraph (1) applies (and all short-fall amortization installments determined with respect to such bases) shall be reduced to zero under rules similar to the rules of subsection (c)(6).

“(ii) **NEW SHORTFALL AMORTIZATION BASE.**—Notwithstanding subsection (c)(3), the shortfall amortization base for the first plan year to which the election under paragraph (1) applies shall be the funding shortfall of such plan for such plan year (determined using the interest rates as modified under subparagraph (A)).

“(C) **DETERMINATION OF SHORTFALL AMORTIZATION INSTALLMENTS.**—

“(i) **30-YEAR PERIOD.**—Subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subsection (c)(2) shall be applied by substituting ‘30-plan-year’ for ‘7-plan-year’ each place it appears.

“(ii) **NO SPECIAL ELECTION.**—The election under subparagraph (D) of subsection (c)(2) shall not apply to any plan year to which the election under paragraph (1) applies.

“(D) **EXEMPTION FROM AT-RISK TREATMENT.**—Subsection (i) shall not apply.

“(4) **COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER PLAN.**—For purposes of this subsection—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The term ‘community newspaper plan’ means a plan to which this section applies maintained by an employer which, as of December 31, 2017—

“(i) publishes and distributes daily, either electronically or in printed form, 1 or more community newspapers in a single State,

“(ii) is not a company the stock of which is publicly traded (on a stock exchange or in an over-the-counter market), and is not controlled, directly or indirectly, by such a company,

“(iii) is controlled, directly or indirectly—

“(I) by 1 or more persons residing primarily in the State in which the community newspaper is published,

“(II) for not less than 30 years by individuals who are members of the same family,

“(III) by a trust created or organized in the State in which the community newspaper is published, the sole trustees of which are persons described in subclause (I) or (II),

“(IV) by an entity which is described in section 501(c)(3) and exempt from taxation under section 501(a), which is organized and operated in the State in which the community newspaper is published, and the primary purpose of which is to benefit communities in such State, or

“(V) by a combination of persons described in subclause (I), (III), or (IV), and

“(iv) does not control, directly or indirectly, any newspaper in any other State.

“(B) **COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER.**—The term ‘community newspaper’ means a newspaper which primarily serves a metropolitan statistical area, as determined by the Office of Management and Budget, with a population of not less than 100,000.

“(C) **CONTROL.**—A person shall be treated as controlled by another person if such other person possesses, directly or indirectly, the power to direct or cause the direction and management of such person (including the power to elect a majority of the members of the board of directors of such person) through the ownership of voting securities.

“(5) **CONTROLLED GROUP.**—For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘controlled group’ means all persons treated as a single employer under subsection (b), (c), (m), or (o) of section 414 as of the date of the enactment of this subsection.”

(b) **AMENDMENT TO EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT OF 1974.**—Section 303 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1083) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(m) **SPECIAL RULES FOR COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER PLANS.**—

“(I) **IN GENERAL.**—The plan sponsor of a community newspaper plan under which no participant has had the participant’s accrued benefit

increased (whether because of service or compensation) after December 31, 2017, may elect to have the alternative standards described in paragraph (3) apply to such plan, and any plan sponsored by any member of the same controlled group.

“(2) **ELECTION.**—An election under paragraph (1) shall be made at such time and in such manner as prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury. Such election, once made with respect to a plan year, shall apply to all subsequent plan years unless revoked with the consent of the Secretary of the Treasury.

“(3) **ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM FUNDING STANDARDS.**—The alternative standards described in this paragraph are the following:

“(A) **INTEREST RATES.**—

“(i) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding subsection (h)(2)(C) and except as provided in clause (ii), the first, second, and third segment rates in effect for any month for purposes of this section shall be 8 percent.

“(ii) **NEW BENEFIT ACCRUALS.**—Notwithstanding subsection (h)(2), for purposes of determining the funding target and normal cost of a plan for any plan year, the present value of any benefits accrued or earned under the plan for a plan year with respect to which an election under paragraph (1) is in effect shall be determined on the basis of the U.S. Treasury obligation yield curve for the day that is the valuation date of such plan for such plan year.

“(iii) **U.S. TREASURY OBLIGATION YIELD CURVE.**—For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘U.S. Treasury obligation yield curve’ means, with respect to any day, a yield curve which shall be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury for such day on interest-bearing obligations of the United States.

“(B) **SHORTFALL AMORTIZATION BASE.**—

“(i) **PREVIOUS SHORTFALL AMORTIZATION BASES.**—The shortfall amortization bases determined under subsection (c)(3) for all plan years preceding the first plan year to which the election under paragraph (1) applies (and all short-fall amortization installments determined with respect to such bases) shall be reduced to zero under rules similar to the rules of subsection (c)(6).

“(ii) **NEW SHORTFALL AMORTIZATION BASE.**—Notwithstanding subsection (c)(3), the shortfall amortization base for the first plan year to which the election under paragraph (1) applies shall be the funding shortfall of such plan for such plan year (determined using the interest rates as modified under subparagraph (A)).

“(C) **DETERMINATION OF SHORTFALL AMORTIZATION INSTALLMENTS.**—

“(i) **30-YEAR PERIOD.**—Subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subsection (c)(2) shall be applied by substituting ‘30-plan-year’ for ‘7-plan-year’ each place it appears.

“(ii) **NO SPECIAL ELECTION.**—The election under subparagraph (D) of subsection (c)(2) shall not apply to any plan year to which the election under paragraph (1) applies.

“(D) **EXEMPTION FROM AT-RISK TREATMENT.**—Subsection (i) shall not apply.

“(4) **COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER PLAN.**—For purposes of this subsection—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The term ‘community newspaper plan’ means a plan to which this section applies maintained by an employer which, as of December 31, 2017—

“(i) publishes and distributes daily, either electronically or in printed form—

“(I) a community newspaper, or

“(II) 1 or more community newspapers in the same State,

“(ii) is not a company the stock of which is publicly traded (on a stock exchange or in an over-the-counter market), and is not controlled, directly or indirectly, by such a company,

“(iii) is controlled, directly or indirectly—

“(I) by 1 or more persons residing primarily in the State in which the community newspaper is published,

“(II) for not less than 30 years by individuals who are members of the same family,

“(III) by a trust created or organized in the State in which the community newspaper is published, the sole trustees of which are persons described in subclause (I) or (II),

“(IV) by an entity which is described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of such Code, which is organized and operated in the State in which the community newspaper is published, and the primary purpose of which is to benefit communities in such State, or

“(V) by a combination of persons described in subclause (I), (III), or (IV), and

“(iv) does not control, directly or indirectly, any newspaper in any other State.

“(B) **COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER.**—The term ‘community newspaper’ means a newspaper which primarily serves a metropolitan statistical area, as determined by the Office of Management and Budget, with a population of not less than 100,000.

“(C) **CONTROL.**—A person shall be treated as controlled by another person if such other person possesses, directly or indirectly, the power to direct or cause the direction and management of such person (including the power to elect a majority of the members of the board of directors of such person) through the ownership of voting securities.

“(5) **CONTROLLED GROUP.**—For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘controlled group’ means all persons treated as a single employer under subsection (b), (c), (m), or (o) of section 414 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as of the date of the enactment of this subsection.

“(6) **EFFECT ON PREMIUM RATE CALCULATION.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of law or any regulation issued by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, in the case of a plan for which an election is made to apply the alternative standards described in paragraph (3), the additional premium under section 4006(a)(3)(E) shall be determined as if such election had not been made.”

(c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by this section shall apply to plan years ending after December 31, 2017.

#### **SEC. 116. TREATING EXCLUDED DIFFICULTY OF CARE PAYMENTS AS COMPENSATION FOR DETERMINING RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION LIMITATIONS.**

(a) **INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 408(o) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(5) **SPECIAL RULE FOR DIFFICULTY OF CARE PAYMENTS EXCLUDED FROM GROSS INCOME.**—In the case of an individual who for a taxable year excludes from gross income under section 131 a qualified foster care payment which is a difficulty of care payment, if—

“(A) the deductible amount in effect for the taxable year under subsection (b), exceeds

“(B) the amount of compensation includible in the individual’s gross income for the taxable year,

the individual may elect to increase the non-deductible limit under paragraph (2) for the taxable year by an amount equal to the lesser of such excess or the amount so excluded.”

(2) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by this subsection shall apply to contributions after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(b) **DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLANS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 415(c) of such Code is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(8) **SPECIAL RULE FOR DIFFICULTY OF CARE PAYMENTS EXCLUDED FROM GROSS INCOME.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—For purposes of paragraph (1)(B), in the case of an individual who for a taxable year excludes from gross income under section 131 a qualified foster care payment which is a difficulty of care payment, the participant’s compensation, or earned income, as the case may be, shall be increased by the amount so excluded.



“(B) CONTRIBUTIONS ALLOCABLE TO DIFFICULTY OF CARE PAYMENTS TREATED AS AFTER-TAX.—Any contribution by the participant which is allowable due to such increase—

“(i) shall be treated for purposes of this title as investment in the contract, and

“(ii) shall not cause a plan (and any arrangement which is part of such plan) to be treated as failing to meet any requirements of this chapter solely by reason of allowing any such contributions.”.

(2) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by this subsection shall apply to plan years beginning after December 31, 2015.

## TITLE II—ADMINISTRATIVE IMPROVEMENTS

### SEC. 201. PLAN ADOPTED BY FILING DUE DATE FOR YEAR MAY BE TREATED AS IN EFFECT AS OF CLOSE OF YEAR.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Subsection (b) of section 401 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

(1) by striking “RETROACTIVE CHANGES IN PLAN.—A stock bonus” and inserting “PLAN AMENDMENTS.—

“(1) CERTAIN RETROACTIVE CHANGES IN PLAN.—A stock bonus”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(2) **ADOPTION OF PLAN.**—If an employer adopts a stock bonus, pension, profit-sharing, or annuity plan after the close of a taxable year but before the time prescribed by law for filing the return of the employer for the taxable year (including extensions thereof), the employer may elect to treat the plan as having been adopted as of the last day of the taxable year.”.

(b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by this section shall apply to plans adopted for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2019.

### SEC. 202. COMBINED ANNUAL REPORT FOR GROUP OF PLANS.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Labor shall, in cooperation, modify the returns required under section 6058 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the reports required by section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1024) so that all members of a group of plans described in subsection (c) may file a single aggregated annual return or report satisfying the requirements of both such sections.

(b) **ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS.**—In developing the consolidated return or report under subsection (a), the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Labor may require such return or report to include any information regarding each plan in the group as such Secretaries determine is necessary or appropriate for the enforcement and administration of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and shall require such information as will enable a participant in a plan to identify any aggregated return or report filed with respect to the plan.

(c) **PLANS DESCRIBED.**—A group of plans is described in this subsection if all plans in the group—

(1) are individual account plans or defined contribution plans (as defined in section 3(34) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1002(34)) or in section 414(i) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986);

(2) have—

(A) the same trustee (as described in section 403(a) of such Act (29 U.S.C. 1103(a)));;

(B) the same one or more named fiduciaries (as described in section 402(a) of such Act (29 U.S.C. 1102(a)));;

(C) the same administrator (as defined in section 3(16)(A) of such Act (29 U.S.C. 1002(16)(A))) and plan administrator (as defined in section 414(g) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986); and

(D) plan years beginning on the same date; and

(3) provide the same investments or investment options to participants and beneficiaries.

A plan not subject to title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 shall be treated as meeting the requirements of paragraph (2) as part of a group of plans if the same person that performs each of the functions described in such paragraph, as applicable, for all other plans in such group performs each of such functions for such plan.

(d) **CLARIFICATION RELATING TO ELECTRONIC FILING OF RETURNS FOR DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLANS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 6011(e) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(6) **APPLICATION OF NUMERICAL LIMITATION TO RETURNS RELATING TO DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLANS.**—For purposes of applying the numerical limitation under paragraph (2)(A) to any return required under section 6058, information regarding each plan for which information is provided on such return shall be treated as a separate return.”.

(2) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by paragraph (1) shall apply to returns required to be filed with respect to plan years beginning after December 31, 2019.

(e) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The modification required by subsection (a) shall be implemented not later than January 1, 2022, and shall apply to returns and reports for plan years beginning after December 31, 2021.

### SEC. 203. DISCLOSURE REGARDING LIFETIME INCOME.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Subparagraph (B) of section 105(a)(2) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1025(a)(2)) is amended—

(1) in clause (i), by striking “and” at the end;

(2) in clause (ii), by striking “diversification,” and inserting “diversification, and”; and

(3) by inserting at the end the following:

“(iii) the lifetime income disclosure described in subparagraph (D)(i).

In the case of pension benefit statements described in clause (i) of paragraph (1)(A), a lifetime income disclosure under clause (iii) of this subparagraph shall be required to be included in only one pension benefit statement during any one 12-month period.”.

(b) **LIFETIME INCOME.**—Paragraph (2) of section 105(a) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1025(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(D) **LIFETIME INCOME DISCLOSURE.**—

“(i) **IN GENERAL.**—

“(I) **DISCLOSURE.**—A lifetime income disclosure shall set forth the lifetime income stream equivalent of the total benefits accrued with respect to the participant or beneficiary.

“(II) **LIFETIME INCOME STREAM EQUIVALENT OF THE TOTAL BENEFITS ACCRUED.**—For purposes of this subparagraph, the term ‘lifetime income stream equivalent of the total benefits accrued’ means the amount of monthly payments the participant or beneficiary would receive if the total accrued benefits of such participant or beneficiary were used to provide lifetime income streams described in subclause (III), based on assumptions specified in rules prescribed by the Secretary.

“(III) **LIFETIME INCOME STREAMS.**—The lifetime income streams described in this subclause are a qualified joint and survivor annuity (as defined in section 205(d)), based on assumptions specified in rules prescribed by the Secretary, including the assumption that the participant or beneficiary has a spouse of equal age, and a single life annuity. Such lifetime income streams may have a term certain or other features to the extent permitted under rules prescribed by the Secretary.

“(ii) **MODEL DISCLOSURE.**—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of the Setting Every Community Up for Retirement En-

hancement Act of 2019, the Secretary shall issue a model lifetime income disclosure, written in a manner so as to be understood by the average plan participant, which—

“(I) explains that the lifetime income stream equivalent is only provided as an illustration;

“(II) explains that the actual payments under the lifetime income stream described in clause (i)(III) which may be purchased with the total benefits accrued will depend on numerous factors and may vary substantially from the lifetime income stream equivalent in the disclosures;

“(III) explains the assumptions upon which the lifetime income stream equivalent was determined; and

“(IV) provides such other similar explanations as the Secretary considers appropriate.

“(iii) **ASSUMPTIONS AND RULES.**—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of the Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act of 2019, the Secretary shall—

“(I) prescribe assumptions which administrators of individual account plans may use in converting total accrued benefits into lifetime income stream equivalents for purposes of this subparagraph; and

“(II) issue interim final rules under clause (i).

In prescribing assumptions under subclause (I), the Secretary may prescribe a single set of specific assumptions (in which case the Secretary may issue tables or factors which facilitate such conversions), or ranges of permissible assumptions. To the extent that an accrued benefit is or may be invested in a lifetime income stream described in clause (i)(III), the assumptions prescribed under subclause (I) shall, to the extent appropriate, permit administrators of individual account plans to use the amounts payable under such lifetime income stream as a lifetime income stream equivalent.

“(iv) **LIMITATION ON LIABILITY.**—No plan fiduciary, plan sponsor, or other person shall have any liability under this title solely by reason of the provision of lifetime income stream equivalents which are derived in accordance with the assumptions and rules described in clause (iii) and which include the explanations contained in the model lifetime income disclosure described in clause (ii). This clause shall apply without regard to whether the provision of such lifetime income stream equivalent is required by subparagraph (B)(iii).

“(v) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The requirement in subparagraph (B)(iii) shall apply to pension benefit statements furnished more than 12 months after the latest of the issuance by the Secretary of—

“(I) interim final rules under clause (i);

“(II) the model disclosure under clause (ii); or

“(III) the assumptions under clause (iii).”.

### SEC. 204. FIDUCIARY SAFE HARBOR FOR SELECTION OF LIFETIME INCOME PROVIDER.

Section 404 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1104) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(e) **SAFE HARBOR FOR ANNUITY SELECTION.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—With respect to the selection of an insurer for a guaranteed retirement income contract, the requirements of subsection (a)(1)(B) will be deemed to be satisfied if a fiduciary—

“(A) engages in an objective, thorough, and analytical search for the purpose of identifying insurers from which to purchase such contracts;

“(B) with respect to each insurer identified under subparagraph (A)—

“(i) considers the financial capability of such insurer to satisfy its obligations under the guaranteed retirement income contract; and

“(ii) considers the cost (including fees and commissions) of the guaranteed retirement income contract offered by the insurer in relation to the benefits and product features of the contract and administrative services to be provided under such contract; and

“(C) on the basis of such consideration, concludes that—

“(i) at the time of the selection, the insurer is financially capable of satisfying its obligations under the guaranteed retirement income contract; and

“(ii) the relative cost of the selected guaranteed retirement income contract as described in subparagraph (B)(ii) is reasonable.

“(2) **FINANCIAL CAPABILITY OF THE INSURER.**—A fiduciary will be deemed to satisfy the requirements of paragraphs (1)(B)(i) and (1)(C)(i) if—

“(A) the fiduciary obtains written representations from the insurer that—

“(i) the insurer is licensed to offer guaranteed retirement income contracts;

“(ii) the insurer, at the time of selection and for each of the immediately preceding 7 plan years—

“(I) operates under a certificate of authority from the insurance commissioner of its domiciliary State which has not been revoked or suspended;

“(II) has filed audited financial statements in accordance with the laws of its domiciliary State under applicable statutory accounting principles;

“(III) maintains (and has maintained) reserves which satisfies all the statutory requirements of all States where the insurer does business; and

“(IV) is not operating under an order of supervision, rehabilitation, or liquidation;

“(iii) the insurer undergoes, at least every 5 years, a financial examination (within the meaning of the law of its domiciliary State) by the insurance commissioner of the domiciliary State (or representative, designee, or other party approved by such commissioner); and

“(iv) the insurer will notify the fiduciary of any change in circumstances occurring after the provision of the representations in clauses (i), (ii), and (iii) which would preclude the insurer from making such representations at the time of issuance of the guaranteed retirement income contract; and

“(B) after receiving such representations and as of the time of selection, the fiduciary has not received any notice described in subparagraph (A)(iv) and is in possession of no other information which would cause the fiduciary to question the representations provided.

“(3) **NO REQUIREMENT TO SELECT LOWEST COST.**—Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to require a fiduciary to select the lowest cost contract. A fiduciary may consider the value of a contract, including features and benefits of the contract and attributes of the insurer (including, without limitation, the insurer's financial strength) in conjunction with the cost of the contract.

“(4) **TIME OF SELECTION.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—For purposes of this subsection, the time of selection is—

“(i) the time that the insurer and the contract are selected for distribution of benefits to a specific participant or beneficiary; or

“(ii) if the fiduciary periodically reviews the continuing appropriateness of the conclusion described in paragraph (1)(C) with respect to a selected insurer, taking into account the considerations described in such paragraph, the time that the insurer and the contract are selected to provide benefits at future dates to participants or beneficiaries under the plan.

Nothing in the preceding sentence shall be construed to require the fiduciary to review the appropriateness of a selection after the purchase of a contract for a participant or beneficiary.

“(B) **PERIODIC REVIEW.**—A fiduciary will be deemed to have conducted the periodic review described in subparagraph (A)(ii) if the fiduciary obtains the written representations described in clauses (i), (ii), and (iii) of paragraph (2)(A) from the insurer on an annual basis, unless the fiduciary receives any notice described in paragraph (2)(A)(iv) or otherwise becomes aware of facts that would cause the fiduciary to question such representations.

“(5) **LIMITED LIABILITY.**—A fiduciary which satisfies the requirements of this subsection shall not be liable following the distribution of any benefit, or the investment by or on behalf of a participant or beneficiary pursuant to the selected guaranteed retirement income contract, for any losses that may result to the participant or beneficiary due to an insurer's inability to satisfy its financial obligations under the terms of such contract.

“(6) **DEFINITIONS.**—For purposes of this subsection—

“(A) **INSURER.**—The term ‘insurer’ means an insurance company, insurance service, or insurance organization, including affiliates of such companies.

“(B) **GUARANTEED RETIREMENT INCOME CONTRACT.**—The term ‘guaranteed retirement income contract’ means an annuity contract for a fixed term or a contract (or provision or feature thereof) which provides guaranteed benefits annually (or more frequently) for at least the remainder of the life of the participant or the joint lives of the participant and the participant's designated beneficiary as part of an individual account plan.”.

#### **SEC. 205. MODIFICATION OF NONDISCRIMINATION RULES TO PROTECT OLDER, LONGER SERVICE PARTICIPANTS.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 401 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (o) as subsection (p); and

(2) by inserting after subsection (n) the following new subsection:

“(o) **SPECIAL RULES FOR APPLYING NONDISCRIMINATION RULES TO PROTECT OLDER, LONGER SERVICE AND GRANDFATHERED PARTICIPANTS.**—

“(1) **TESTING OF DEFINED BENEFIT PLANS WITH CLOSED CLASSES OF PARTICIPANTS.**—

“(A) **BENEFITS, RIGHTS, OR FEATURES PROVIDED TO CLOSED CLASSES.**—A defined benefit plan which provides benefits, rights, or features to a closed class of participants shall not fail to satisfy the requirements of subsection (a)(4) by reason of the composition of such closed class or the benefits, rights, or features provided to such closed class, if—

“(i) for the plan year as of which the class closes and the 2 succeeding plan years, such benefits, rights, and features satisfy the requirements of subsection (a)(4) (without regard to this subparagraph but taking into account the rules of subparagraph (I)),

“(ii) after the date as of which the class was closed, any plan amendment which modifies the closed class or the benefits, rights, and features provided to such closed class does not discriminate significantly in favor of highly compensated employees, and

“(iii) the class was closed before April 5, 2017, or the plan is described in subparagraph (C).

“(B) **AGGREGATE TESTING WITH DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLANS PERMITTED ON A BENEFITS BASIS.**—

“(i) **IN GENERAL.**—For purposes of determining compliance with subsection (a)(4) and section 410(b), a defined benefit plan described in clause (iii) may be aggregated and tested on a benefits basis with 1 or more defined contribution plans, including with the portion of 1 or more defined contribution plans which—

“(I) provides matching contributions (as defined in subsection (m)(4)(A)),

“(II) provides annuity contracts described in section 403(b) which are purchased with matching contributions or nonelective contributions, or

“(III) consists of an employee stock ownership plan (within the meaning of section 4975(e)(7)) or a tax credit employee stock ownership plan (within the meaning of section 409(a)).

“(ii) **SPECIAL RULES FOR MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS.**—For purposes of clause (i), if a defined benefit plan is aggregated with a portion of a defined contribution plan providing matching contributions—

“(I) such defined benefit plan must also be aggregated with any portion of such defined contribution plan which provides elective deferrals described in subparagraph (A) or (C) of section 402(g)(3), and

“(II) such matching contributions shall be treated in the same manner as nonelective contributions, including for purposes of applying the rules of subsection (I).

“(iii) **PLANS DESCRIBED.**—A defined benefit plan is described in this clause if—

“(I) the plan provides benefits to a closed class of participants,

“(II) for the plan year as of which the class closes and the 2 succeeding plan years, the plan satisfies the requirements of section 410(b) and subsection (a)(4) (without regard to this subparagraph but taking into account the rules of subparagraph (I)),

“(III) after the date as of which the class was closed, any plan amendment which modifies the closed class or the benefits provided to such closed class does not discriminate significantly in favor of highly compensated employees, and

“(IV) the class was closed before April 5, 2017, or the plan is described in subparagraph (C).

“(C) **PLANS DESCRIBED.**—A plan is described in this subparagraph if, taking into account any predecessor plan—

“(i) such plan has been in effect for at least 5 years as of the date the class is closed, and

“(ii) during the 5-year period preceding the date the class is closed, there has not been a substantial increase in the coverage or value of the benefits, rights, or features described in subparagraph (A) or in the coverage or benefits under the plan described in subparagraph (B)(iii) (whichever is applicable).

“(D) **DETERMINATION OF SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE FOR BENEFITS, RIGHTS, AND FEATURES.**—In applying subparagraph (C)(ii) for purposes of subparagraph (A)(iii), a plan shall be treated as having had a substantial increase in coverage or value of the benefits, rights, or features described in subparagraph (A) during the applicable 5-year period only if, during such period—

“(i) the number of participants covered by such benefits, rights, or features on the date such period ends is more than 50 percent greater than the number of such participants on the first day of the plan year in which such period began, or

“(ii) such benefits, rights, and features have been modified by 1 or more plan amendments in such a way that, as of the date the class is closed, the value of such benefits, rights, and features to the closed class as a whole is substantially greater than the value as of the first day of such 5-year period, solely as a result of such amendments.

“(E) **DETERMINATION OF SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE FOR AGGREGATE TESTING ON BENEFITS BASIS.**—In applying subparagraph (C)(ii) for purposes of subparagraph (B)(iii)(IV), a plan shall be treated as having had a substantial increase in coverage or benefits during the applicable 5-year period only if, during such period—

“(i) the number of participants benefitting under the plan on the date such period ends is more than 50 percent greater than the number of such participants on the first day of the plan year in which such period began, or

“(ii) the average benefit provided to such participants on the date such period ends is more than 50 percent greater than the average benefit provided on the first day of the plan year in which such period began.

“(F) **CERTAIN EMPLOYEES DISREGARDED.**—For purposes of subparagraphs (D) and (E), any increase in coverage or value or in coverage or benefits, whichever is applicable, which is attributable to such coverage and value or coverage and benefits provided to employees—

“(i) who became participants as a result of a merger, acquisition, or similar event which occurred during the 7-year period preceding the date the class is closed, or

“(ii) who became participants by reason of a merger of the plan with another plan which had

been in effect for at least 5 years as of the date of the merger,

shall be disregarded, except that clause (ii) shall apply for purposes of subparagraph (D) only if, under the merger, the benefits, rights, or features under 1 plan are conformed to the benefits, rights, or features of the other plan prospectively.

“(G) RULES RELATING TO AVERAGE BENEFIT.—For purposes of subparagraph (E)—

“(i) the average benefit provided to participants under the plan will be treated as having remained the same between the 2 dates described in subparagraph (E)(ii) if the benefit formula applicable to such participants has not changed between such dates, and

“(ii) if the benefit formula applicable to 1 or more participants under the plan has changed between such 2 dates, then the average benefit under the plan shall be considered to have increased by more than 50 percent only if—

“(I) the total amount determined under section 430(b)(1)(A)(i) for all participants benefitting under the plan for the plan year in which the 5-year period described in subparagraph (E) ends, exceeds

“(II) the total amount determined under section 430(b)(1)(A)(i) for all such participants for such plan year, by using the benefit formula in effect for each such participant for the first plan year in such 5-year period,

by more than 50 percent. In the case of a CSEC plan (as defined in section 414(y)), the normal cost of the plan (as determined under section 433(j)(1)(B)) shall be used in lieu of the amount determined under section 430(b)(1)(A)(i).

“(H) TREATMENT AS SINGLE PLAN.—For purposes of subparagraphs (E) and (G), a plan described in section 413(c) shall be treated as a single plan rather than as separate plans maintained by each employer in the plan.

“(I) SPECIAL RULES.—For purposes of subparagraphs (A)(i) and (B)(iii)(II), the following rules shall apply:

“(i) In applying section 410(b)(6)(C), the closing of the class of participants shall not be treated as a significant change in coverage under section 410(b)(6)(C)(i)(II).

“(ii) 2 or more plans shall not fail to be eligible to be aggregated and treated as a single plan solely by reason of having different plan years.

“(iii) Changes in the employee population shall be disregarded to the extent attributable to individuals who become employees or cease to be employees, after the date the class is closed, by reason of a merger, acquisition, divestiture, or similar event.

“(iv) Aggregation and all other testing methodologies otherwise applicable under subsection (a)(4) and section 410(b) may be taken into account.

The rule of clause (ii) shall also apply for purposes of determining whether plans to which subparagraph (B)(i) applies may be aggregated and treated as 1 plan for purposes of determining whether such plans meet the requirements of subsection (a)(4) and section 410(b).

“(J) SPUN-OFF PLANS.—For purposes of this paragraph, if a portion of a defined benefit plan described in subparagraph (A) or (B)(iii) is spun off to another employer and the spun-off plan continues to satisfy the requirements of—

“(i) subparagraph (A)(i) or (B)(iii)(II), whichever is applicable, if the original plan was still within the 3-year period described in such subparagraph at the time of the spin off, and

“(ii) subparagraph (A)(ii) or (B)(iii)(III), whichever is applicable, the treatment under subparagraph (A) or (B) of the spun-off plan shall continue with respect to such other employer.

“(2) TESTING OF DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLANS.—

“(A) TESTING ON A BENEFITS BASIS.—A defined contribution plan shall be permitted to be tested on a benefits basis if—

“(i) such defined contribution plan provides make-whole contributions to a closed class of

participants whose accruals under a defined benefit plan have been reduced or eliminated,

“(ii) for the plan year of the defined contribution plan as of which the class eligible to receive such make-whole contributions closes and the 2 succeeding plan years, such closed class of participants satisfies the requirements of section 410(b)(2)(A)(i) (determined by applying the rules of paragraph (1)(I)),

“(iii) after the date as of which the class was closed, any plan amendment to the defined contribution plan which modifies the closed class or the allocations, benefits, rights, and features provided to such closed class does not discriminate significantly in favor of highly compensated employees, and

“(iv) the class was closed before April 5, 2017, or the defined benefit plan under clause (i) is described in paragraph (1)(C) (as applied for purposes of paragraph (1)(B)(iii)(IV)).

“(B) AGGREGATION WITH PLANS INCLUDING MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—With respect to 1 or more defined contribution plans described in subparagraph (A), for purposes of determining compliance with subsection (a)(4) and section 410(b), the portion of such plans which provides make-whole contributions or other nonelective contributions may be aggregated and tested on a benefits basis with the portion of 1 or more other defined contribution plans which—

“(I) provides matching contributions (as defined in subsection (m)(4)(A)),

“(II) provides annuity contracts described in section 403(b) which are purchased with matching contributions or nonelective contributions, or

“(III) consists of an employee stock ownership plan (within the meaning of section 4975(e)(7)) or a tax credit employee stock ownership plan (within the meaning of section 409(a)).

“(ii) SPECIAL RULES FOR MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS.—Rules similar to the rules of paragraph (1)(B)(ii) shall apply for purposes of clause (i).

“(C) SPECIAL RULES FOR TESTING DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN FEATURES PROVIDING MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS TO CERTAIN OLDER, LONGER SERVICE PARTICIPANTS.—In the case of a defined contribution plan which provides benefits, rights, or features to a closed class of participants whose accruals under a defined benefit plan have been reduced or eliminated, the plan shall not fail to satisfy the requirements of subsection (a)(4) solely by reason of the composition of the closed class or the benefits, rights, or features provided to such closed class if the defined contribution plan and defined benefit plan otherwise meet the requirements of subparagraph (A) but for the fact that the make-whole contributions under the defined contribution plan are made in whole or in part through matching contributions.

“(D) SPUN-OFF PLANS.—For purposes of this paragraph, if a portion of a defined contribution plan described in subparagraph (A) or (C) is spun off to another employer, the treatment under subparagraph (A) or (C) of the spun-off plan shall continue with respect to the other employer if such plan continues to comply with the requirements of clauses (ii) (if the original plan was still within the 3-year period described in such clause at the time of the spin off) and (iii) of subparagraph (A), as determined for purposes of subparagraph (A) or (C), whichever is applicable.

“(3) DEFINITIONS AND SPECIAL RULE.—For purposes of this subsection—

“(A) MAKE-WHOLE CONTRIBUTIONS.—Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2)(C), the term ‘make-whole contributions’ means nonelective allocations for each employee in the class which are reasonably calculated, in a consistent manner, to replace some or all of the retirement benefits which the employee would have received under the defined benefit plan and any other plan or qualified cash or deferred arrangement under subsection (k)(2) if no change had been made to such defined benefit plan and such

other plan or arrangement. For purposes of the preceding sentence, consistency shall not be required with respect to employees who were subject to different benefit formulas under the defined benefit plan.

“(B) REFERENCES TO CLOSED CLASS OF PARTICIPANTS.—References to a closed class of participants and similar references to a closed class shall include arrangements under which 1 or more classes of participants are closed, except that 1 or more classes of participants closed on different dates shall not be aggregated for purposes of determining the date any such class was closed.

“(C) HIGHLY COMPENSATED EMPLOYEE.—The term ‘highly compensated employee’ has the meaning given such term in section 414(q).”.

(b) PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS.—Paragraph (26) of section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(I) PROTECTED PARTICIPANTS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—A plan shall be deemed to satisfy the requirements of subparagraph (A) if—

“(I) the plan is amended—

“(aa) to cease all benefit accruals, or

“(bb) to provide future benefit accruals only to a closed class of participants,

“(II) the plan satisfies subparagraph (A) (without regard to this subparagraph) as of the effective date of the amendment, and

“(III) the amendment was adopted before April 5, 2017, or the plan is described in clause (ii).

“(ii) PLANS DESCRIBED.—A plan is described in this clause if the plan would be described in subsection (o)(1)(C), as applied for purposes of subsection (o)(1)(B)(iii)(IV) and by treating the effective date of the amendment as the date the class was closed for purposes of subsection (o)(1)(C).

“(iii) SPECIAL RULES.—For purposes of clause (i)(II), in applying section 410(b)(6)(C), the amendments described in clause (i) shall not be treated as a significant change in coverage under section 410(b)(6)(C)(i)(II).

“(iv) SPUN-OFF PLANS.—For purposes of this subparagraph, if a portion of a plan described in clause (i) is spun off to another employer, the treatment under clause (i) of the spun-off plan shall continue with respect to the other employer.”.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the amendments made by this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act, without regard to whether any plan modifications referred to in such amendments are adopted or effective before, on, or after such date of enactment.

(2) SPECIAL RULES.—

(A) ELECTION OF EARLIER APPLICATION.—At the election of the plan sponsor, the amendments made by this section shall apply to plan years beginning after December 31, 2013.

(B) CLOSED CLASSES OF PARTICIPANTS.—For purposes of paragraphs (1)(A)(iii), (1)(B)(iii)(IV), and (2)(A)(iv) of section 401(o) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (as added by this section), a closed class of participants shall be treated as being closed before April 5, 2017, if the plan sponsor’s intention to create such closed class is reflected in formal written documents and communicated to participants before such date.

(C) CERTAIN POST-ENACTMENT PLAN AMENDMENTS.—A plan shall not be treated as failing to be eligible for the application of section 401(o)(1)(A), 401(o)(1)(B)(iii), or 401(a)(26) of such Code (as added by this section) to such plan solely because in the case of—

(i) such section 401(o)(1)(A), the plan was amended before the date of the enactment of this Act to eliminate 1 or more benefits, rights, or features, and is further amended after such date of enactment to provide such previously eliminated benefits, rights, or features to a closed class of participants, or

(ii) such section 401(o)(1)(B)(iii) or section 401(a)(26), the plan was amended before the date of the enactment of this Act to cease all benefit accruals, and is further amended after such date of enactment to provide benefit accruals to a closed class of participants.

Any such section shall only apply if the plan otherwise meets the requirements of such section and in applying such section, the date the class of participants is closed shall be the effective date of the later amendment.

#### SEC. 206. MODIFICATION OF PBGC PREMIUMS FOR CSEC PLANS.

(a) **FLAT RATE PREMIUM.**—Subparagraph (A) of section 4006(a)(3) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1306(a)(3)) is amended—

(1) in clause (i), by striking “plan,” and inserting “plan other than a CSEC plan (as defined in section 210(f)(1))”;

(2) in clause (v), by striking “or” at the end;

(3) in clause (vi), by striking the period at the end and inserting “, or”; and

(4) by adding at the end the following new clause:

“(vii) in the case of a CSEC plan (as defined in section 210(f)(1)), for plan years beginning after December 31, 2018, for each individual who is a participant in such plan during the plan year an amount equal to the sum of—

“(I) the additional premium (if any) determined under subparagraph (E), and

“(II) \$19.”.

(b) **VARIABLE RATE PREMIUM.**—

(A) **UNFUNDED VESTED BENEFITS.**—

(i) **IN GENERAL.**—Subparagraph (E) of section 4006(a)(3) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1306(a)(3)) is amended by adding at the end the following new clause:

“(v) For purposes of clause (ii), in the case of a CSEC plan (as defined in section 210(f)(1)), the term ‘unfunded vested benefits’ means, for plan years beginning after December 31, 2018, the excess (if any) of—

“(I) the funding liability of the plan as determined under section 306(j)(5)(C) for the plan year by only taking into account vested benefits, over

“(II) the fair market value of plan assets for the plan year which are held by the plan on the valuation date.”.

(b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—Clause (iii) of section 4006(a)(3)(E) of such Act (29 U.S.C. 1306(a)(3)(E)) is amended by striking “For purposes” and inserting “Except as provided in clause (v), for purposes”.

(2) **APPLICABLE DOLLAR AMOUNT.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Paragraph (8) of section 4006(a) of such Act (29 U.S.C. 1306(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(E) **CSEC PLANS.**—In the case of a CSEC plan (as defined in section 210(f)(1)), the applicable dollar amount shall be \$9.”.

(B) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—Subparagraph (A) of section 4006(a)(8) of such Act (29 U.S.C. 1306(a)(8)) is amended by striking “(B) and (C)” and inserting “(B), (C), and (E)”.

#### TITLE III—OTHER BENEFITS

#### SEC. 301. BENEFITS PROVIDED TO VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDERS.

(a) **INCREASE IN DOLLAR LIMITATION ON QUALIFIED PAYMENTS.**—Subparagraph (B) of section 139B(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “\$30” and inserting “\$50”.

(b) **EXTENSION.**—Section 139B(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “beginning after December 31, 2010.” and inserting “beginning—

“(1) after December 31, 2010, and before January 1, 2020, or

“(2) after December 31, 2020.”.

(c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2019.

#### SEC. 302. EXPANSION OF SECTION 529 PLANS.

(a) **DISTRIBUTIONS FOR CERTAIN EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS.**—Section 529(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(8) **TREATMENT OF CERTAIN EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS.**—Any reference in this subsection to the term ‘qualified higher education expense’ shall include a reference to expenses for fees, books, supplies, and equipment required for the participation of a designated beneficiary in an apprenticeship program registered and certified with the Secretary of Labor under section 1 of the National Apprenticeship Act (29 U.S.C. 50).”

(c) **DISTRIBUTIONS FOR QUALIFIED EDUCATION LOAN REPAYMENTS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 529(c) of such Code, as amended by subsection (a), is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(9) **TREATMENT OF QUALIFIED EDUCATION LOAN REPAYMENTS.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Any reference in this subsection to the term ‘qualified higher education expense’ shall include a reference to amounts paid as principal or interest on any qualified education loan (as defined in section 221(d)) of the designated beneficiary or a sibling of the designated beneficiary.

“(B) **LIMITATION.**—The amount of distributions treated as a qualified higher education expense under this paragraph with respect to the loans of any individual shall not exceed \$10,000 (reduced by the amount of distributions so treated for all prior taxable years).

“(C) **SPECIAL RULES FOR SIBLINGS OF THE DESIGNATED BENEFICIARY.**—

“(i) **SEPARATE ACCOUNTING.**—For purposes of subparagraph (B) and subsection (d), amounts treated as a qualified higher education expense with respect to the loans of a sibling of the designated beneficiary shall be taken into account with respect to such sibling and not with respect to such designated beneficiary.

“(ii) **SIBLING DEFINED.**—For purposes of this paragraph, the term ‘sibling’ means an individual who bears a relationship to the designated beneficiary which is described in section 152(d)(2)(B).”.

(2) **COORDINATION WITH DEDUCTION FOR STUDENT LOAN INTEREST.**—Section 221(e)(1) of such Code is amended by adding at the end the following: “The deduction otherwise allowable under subsection (a) (prior to the application of subsection (b)) to the taxpayer for any taxable year shall be reduced (but not below zero) by so much of the distributions treated as a qualified higher education expense under section 529(c)(9) with respect to loans of the taxpayer as would be includible in gross income under section 529(c)(3)(A) for such taxable year but for such treatment.”.

(e) **EFFECTIVE DATES.**—The amendments made by this section shall apply to distributions made after December 31, 2018.

#### TITLE IV—REVENUE PROVISIONS

#### SEC. 401. MODIFICATION OF REQUIRED DISTRIBUTION RULES FOR DESIGNATED BENEFICIARIES.

(a) **MODIFICATION OF RULES WHERE EMPLOYEE DIES BEFORE ENTIRE DISTRIBUTION.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 401(a)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(H) **SPECIAL RULES FOR CERTAIN DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLANS.**—In the case of a defined contribution plan, if an employee dies before the distribution of the employee’s entire interest—

“(i) **IN GENERAL.**—Except in the case of a beneficiary who is not a designated beneficiary, subparagraph (B)(ii)—

“(I) shall be applied by substituting ‘10 years’ for ‘5 years’, and

“(II) shall apply whether or not distributions of the employee’s interests have begun in accordance with subparagraph (A).

“(ii) **EXCEPTION ONLY FOR ELIGIBLE DESIGNATED BENEFICIARIES.**—Subparagraph (B)(iii) shall apply only in the case of an eligible designated beneficiary.

“(iii) **RULES UPON DEATH OF ELIGIBLE DESIGNATED BENEFICIARY.**—If an eligible designated beneficiary dies before the portion of the employee’s interest to which this subparagraph applies is entirely distributed, the exception under clause (iii) shall not apply to any beneficiary of such eligible designated beneficiary and the remainder of such portion shall be distributed within 10 years after the death of such eligible designated beneficiary.

“(iv) **APPLICATION TO CERTAIN ELIGIBLE RETIREMENT PLANS.**—For purposes of applying the provisions of this subparagraph in determining amounts required to be distributed pursuant to this paragraph, all eligible retirement plans (as defined in section 402(c)(8)(B), other than a defined benefit plan described in clause (iv) or (v) thereof or a qualified trust which is a part of a defined benefit plan) shall be treated as a defined contribution plan.”.

(2) **DEFINITION OF ELIGIBLE DESIGNATED BENEFICIARY.**—Section 401(a)(9)(E) of such Code is amended to read as follows:

“(E) **DEFINITIONS AND RULES RELATING TO DESIGNATED BENEFICIARY.**—For purposes of this paragraph—

“(i) **DESIGNATED BENEFICIARY.**—The term ‘designated beneficiary’ means any individual designated as a beneficiary by the employee.

“(ii) **ELIGIBLE DESIGNATED BENEFICIARY.**—The term ‘eligible designated beneficiary’ means, with respect to any employee, any designated beneficiary who is—

“(I) the surviving spouse of the employee,

“(II) subject to clause (iii), a child of the employee who has not reached majority (within the meaning of subparagraph (F)),

“(III) disabled (within the meaning of section 72(m)(7)).

“(IV) a chronically ill individual (within the meaning of section 7702B(c)(2), except that the requirements of subparagraph (A)(i) thereof shall only be treated as met if there is a certification that, as of such date, the period of inability described in such subparagraph with respect to the individual is an indefinite one which is reasonably expected to be lengthy in nature), or

“(V) an individual not described in any of the preceding subclauses who is not more than 10 years younger than the employee.

“(iii) **SPECIAL RULE FOR CHILDREN.**—Subject to subparagraph (F), an individual described in clause (ii)(I) shall cease to be an eligible designated beneficiary as of the date the individual reaches majority and any remainder of the portion of the individual’s interest to which subparagraph (H)(ii) applies shall be distributed within 10 years after such date.

“(iv) **TIME FOR DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBLE DESIGNATED BENEFICIARY.**—The determination of whether a designated beneficiary is an eligible designated beneficiary shall be made as of the date of death of the employee.”.

(3) **EFFECTIVE DATES.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as provided in this paragraph and paragraphs (4) and (5), the amendments made by this subsection shall apply to distributions with respect to employees who die after December 31, 2019.

(B) **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING EXCEPTION.**—In the case of a plan maintained pursuant to 1 or more collective bargaining agreements between employee representatives and 1 or more employers ratified before the date of enactment of this Act, the amendments made by this subsection shall apply to distributions with respect to employees who die in calendar years beginning after the earlier of—

(i) the later of—

(I) the date on which the last of such collective bargaining agreements terminates (determined without regard to any extension thereof agreed to on or after the date of the enactment of this Act), or

(II) December 31, 2019, or  
(ii) December 31, 2021.

For purposes of clause (i)(I), any plan amendment made pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement relating to the plan which amends the plan solely to conform to any requirement added by this section shall not be treated as a termination of such collective bargaining agreement.

(C) **GOVERNMENTAL PLANS.**—In the case of a governmental plan (as defined in section 414(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986), subparagraph (A) shall be applied by substituting “December 31, 2021” for “December 31, 2019”.

(4) **EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN EXISTING ANNUITY CONTRACTS.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The amendments made by this subsection shall not apply to a qualified annuity which is a binding annuity contract in effect on the date of enactment of this Act and at all times thereafter.

(B) **QUALIFIED ANNUITY.**—For purposes of this paragraph, the term “qualified annuity” means, with respect to an employee, an annuity—

(i) which is a commercial annuity (as defined in section 3405(e)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986);

(ii) under which the annuity payments are made over the life of the employee or over the joint lives of such employee and a designated beneficiary (or over a period not extending beyond the life expectancy of such employee or the joint life expectancy of such employee and a designated beneficiary) in accordance with the regulations described in section 401(a)(9)(A)(ii) of such Code (as in effect before such amendments) and which meets the other requirements of section 401(a)(9) of such Code (as so in effect) with respect to such payments; and

(iii) with respect to which—

(I) annuity payments to the employee have begun before the date of enactment of this Act, and the employee has made an irrevocable election before such date as to the method and amount of the annuity payments to the employee or any designated beneficiaries; or

(II) if subclause (I) does not apply, the employee has made an irrevocable election before the date of enactment of this Act as to the method and amount of the annuity payments to the employee or any designated beneficiaries.

(5) **EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN BENEFICIARIES.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—If an employee dies before the effective date, then, in applying the amendments made by this subsection to such employee's designated beneficiary who dies after such date—

(i) such amendments shall apply to any beneficiary of such designated beneficiary; and

(ii) the designated beneficiary shall be treated as an eligible designated beneficiary for purposes of applying section 401(a)(9)(H)(ii) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (as in effect after such amendments).

(B) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—For purposes of this paragraph, the term “effective date” means the first day of the first calendar year to which the amendments made by this subsection apply to a plan with respect to employees dying on or after such date.

(b) **PROVISIONS RELATING TO PLAN AMENDMENTS.**—

(I) **IN GENERAL.**—If this subsection applies to any plan amendment—

(A) such plan shall be treated as being operated in accordance with the terms of the plan during the period described in paragraph (2)(B)(i); and

(B) except as provided by the Secretary of the Treasury, such plan shall not fail to meet the requirements of section 411(d)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and section 204(g) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 by reason of such amendment.

(2) **AMENDMENTS TO WHICH SUBSECTION APPLIES.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—This subsection shall apply to any amendment to any plan or which is made—

(i) pursuant to any amendment made by this section or pursuant to any regulation issued by the Secretary of the Treasury under this section or such amendments; and

(ii) on or before the last day of the first plan year beginning after December 31, 2021, or such later date as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe.

In the case of a governmental or collectively bargained plan to which subparagraph (B) or (C) of subsection (a)(4) applies, clause (ii) shall be applied by substituting the date which is 2 years after the date otherwise applied under such clause.

(B) **CONDITIONS.**—This subsection shall not apply to any amendment unless—

(i) during the period—

(I) beginning on the date the legislative or regulatory amendment described in paragraph (1)(A) takes effect (or in the case of a plan amendment not required by such legislative or regulatory amendment, the effective date specified by the plan); and

(II) ending on the date described in subparagraph (A)(ii) (or, if earlier, the date the plan amendment is adopted),

the plan is operated as if such plan amendment were in effect; and

(ii) such plan amendment applies retroactively for such period.

#### **SEC. 402. INCREASE IN PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO FILE.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The second sentence of subsection (a) of section 6651 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “\$205” and inserting “\$400”.

(b) **INFLATION ADJUSTMENT.**—Section 6651(j)(1) of such Code is amended by striking “\$205” and inserting “\$400”.

(c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by this section shall apply to returns the due date for which (including extensions) is after December 31, 2019.

#### **SEC. 403. INCREASED PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO FILE RETIREMENT PLAN RETURNS.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Subsection (e) of section 6652 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

(1) by striking “\$25” and inserting “\$250”; and

(2) by striking “\$15,000” and inserting “\$150,000”.

(b) **ANNUAL REGISTRATION STATEMENT AND NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES.**—Subsection (d) of section 6652 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

(1) by striking “\$1” both places it appears in paragraphs (1) and (2) and inserting “\$10”; and

(2) by striking “\$5,000” in paragraph (1) and inserting “\$50,000”; and

(3) by striking “\$1,000” in paragraph (2) and inserting “\$10,000”.

(c) **FAILURE TO PROVIDE NOTICE.**—Subsection (h) of section 6652 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

(1) by striking “\$10” and inserting “\$100”; and

(2) by striking “\$5,000” and inserting “\$50,000”.

(d) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by this section shall apply to returns, statements, and notifications required to be filed, and notices required to be provided, after December 31, 2019.

#### **SEC. 404. INCREASE INFORMATION SHARING TO ADMINISTER EXCISE TAXES.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 6103(o) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(3) **TAXES IMPOSED BY SECTION 4481.**—Returns and return information with respect to taxes imposed by section 4481 shall be open to inspection by or disclosure to officers and employees of United States Customs and Border Protection of the Department of Homeland Security whose official duties require such inspection

or disclosure for purposes of administering such section.”.

(b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**—Paragraph (4) of section 6103(p) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “or (o)(1)(A)” each place it appears and inserting “, (o)(1)(A), or (o)(3)”.

#### **TITLE V—TAX RELIEF FOR CERTAIN CHILDREN**

##### **SEC. 501. MODIFICATION OF RULES RELATING TO THE TAXATION OF UNEARNED INCOME OF CERTAIN CHILDREN.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 1(j) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking paragraph (4).

(b) **COORDINATION WITH ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX.**—Section 55(d)(4)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “and” at the end of clause (i)(II), by striking the period at the end of clause (ii)(III) and inserting “, and”, and by adding at the end the following new clause:

“(iii) subsection (j) of section 59 shall not apply.”.

(c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—

(I) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2018.

(2) **COORDINATION WITH ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX.**—The amendment made by subsection (b) shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017.

(3) **ELECTIVE RETROACTIVE APPLICATION.**—In the case of a taxpayer who elects the application of this paragraph (at such time and in such manner as the Secretary of the Treasury (or the Secretary's designee) may provide), the amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The bill, as amended, shall be debatable for 1 hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

The gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. NEAL) and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BRADY) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Massachusetts.

#### **GENERAL LEAVE**

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and to insert extraneous material on H.R. 1994.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Massachusetts?

There was no objection.

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1994, the Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act, or the SECURE Act. This is the most substantive promotion of retirement savings in the last 15 years, and we all should be pleased that we are part of it this morning.

One of my priorities since becoming chairman of the Ways and Means Committee has been helping American workers of all ages prepare for a financially secure retirement, so I am particularly pleased to be bringing this legislation to the floor this morning.

I also am very proud of the fact that I was able to collaborate with Ranking

Member KEVIN BRADY and our Republican colleagues in drafting this legislation. Both Republicans and Democrats have wins in this bill, and I would like to thank Mr. BRADY this morning for all of his hard work in helping me to write this legislation.

Unfortunately, currently, Americans face a retirement income crisis with too many people in danger of not having enough in retirement to maintain their standard of living and avoid sliding into poverty.

Social Security benefits are modest; employer-sponsored pensions are disappearing; and too many people find it difficult to save for retirement. According to a recent study, one-third of American workers believe that they will either face a significant financial hardship during retirement or, in fact, will never retire. And the 2018 study found that almost two-thirds of workers have no retirement account assets.

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The SECURE Act, which the Ways and Means Committee approved with unanimous, bipartisan votes, goes a long way in addressing this problem by making it easier for Americans to save.

For example, the SECURE Act includes a small employer automatic enrollment credit. Automatic enrollment is shown to increase employee participation and retirement savings opportunities. Our bill creates a new tax credit of up to \$500 per year for employers to defray the startup costs for new 401(k) plans that include automatic enrollment.

The SECURE Act also increases the age for required minimum distributions from 70½ to 72. This age hasn't been adjusted since the 1960s. With Americans working longer, this will encourage them to continue saving.

The SECURE Act also allows long-term, part-time employees to participate in their employer's 401(k) plans. Women are more likely to work part-time than men, so this legislation is particularly important for women.

Madam Speaker, I thank Representative MURPHY for her leadership here.

The bill would also make it easier for small businesses to offer retirement plans to their employees by eliminating outdated barriers to the use of multiple employer plans. As a result of this provision, it is estimated that 600,000 to 700,000 new retirement opportunities will be formed.

All of these are important, common-sense proposals that will improve our retirement system.

I also note that this bill has tremendous support from a diverse group of stakeholders: AARP, SEIU, the Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement, Church Alliance, the Girl Scouts, the Boy Scouts, and the National Rural Electric Cooperative.

Finally, Madam Speaker, I want to highlight a provision that fixes an urgent problem affecting children of our fallen troops and first responders. Due to changes included in the Republicans'

tax law, the amount of tax imposed on survivor benefits for children of veterans, Active Duty servicemembers, and emergency personnel increased significantly.

This bill eliminates that tax increase by repealing those changes. It also makes sure that all similar payments, like Tribal government payments to children, payments out of the Alaska Permanent Fund, and certain scholarships and fellowship grants will not be subject to this unexpected and unfair tax treatment.

These fixes could not have been accomplished without Mrs. LURIA's leadership on behalf of our troops, along with many Members on both sides of the aisle who supported her efforts.

We should recognize Ms. MOORE's leadership on Tribal payments and Mr. HORSFORD's leadership on the scholarship issue.

I am very proud that we were able to put together a bill that will help American families prepare for a financially secure retirement, and that it was done on a bipartisan basis, which we will acknowledge as the morning moves on, with significant stakeholder support.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 1994, the SECURE Act, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, for nearly 2 years, Republicans have been advocating for policies that help our families and Main Street businesses save more and save earlier for the future.

Following the historic rewrite of our Tax Code, Republicans knew the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act was only step one. We knew that we changed the trajectory of our economy with our reforms.

Today in America, we are growing 50 percent faster than the Obama administration projected. Wages are surging for blue-collar workers and low-income workers for the first time in a decade, and our job market continues to be the envy of the world.

These are all encouraging signs, and Republicans are committed to building on this success for years to come, which is why last year, we set out to change the culture in Washington, where we only do, it seems, tax reform once a generation.

In Tax Reform 2.0, we passed three bills that offered permanent tax relief for families and small businesses, sparked American innovation, and went further and enhanced retirement and savings vehicles for our workers and our local, mainstream businesses.

That effort, the Family Savings Act, was led by Representative MIKE KELLY.

Those reforms passed on a bipartisan basis, and our retirement proposals passed the U.S. House of Representatives not once but twice.

Unfortunately, time ran out on the calendar before we were able to get these reforms to the President's desk. But I was greatly encouraged earlier

this year when Chairman NEAL reached out to say he was committed to getting retirement-focused legislation signed into law this year. This area, retirement savings, is one that Chairman NEAL has worked on for much of his career.

Right away, he and I, and many members of our committee worked together to develop the Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act, the SECURE Act, we debate today.

The SECURE Act builds well on the work that Republicans have championed throughout this Congress and the last. Our bipartisan legislation makes it easier for Main Street businesses to offer retirement plans for their workers by making it simpler, easing administrative burdens, and cutting down on unnecessary and often costly paperwork.

We make it easier for them to join together to pool their resources to offer these plans. We offer local businesses the flexibility to tailor retirement plans to best fit their workers, not necessarily what Washington may need.

Additionally, our reforms help Americans not only save earlier in their careers, but it helps families save longer, as well.

We know for a fact that people are choosing to work longer today than in previous generations. Our Tax Code should reflect that, which is why we make smart, needed changes to reflect today's workforce.

First, the age limit for contributing to IRAs is removed, as it should be.

Second, we increase the minimum age for forcing people to spend their savings from 70½ to 72 years of age. My hope is, someday, we can remove it completely. We want Americans to save throughout their lifetime and use those savings when they need it most, not when Washington needs it.

This legislation is prowork and, equally as important, our bill is also profamily.

For the first time, we allow what we call the new baby savings provision. We allow parents to access their own retirement accounts on a penalty-free basis to use when welcoming a new child into their homes, whether by birth or adoption. This works well for working parents and stay-at-home parents, as well. It is allowed to be used for the things you need, whether it is medical equipment, medical expenses, or if you need to spend time at home with your new child in those opening weeks. We know all that is so important.

The bill also expands 529 plans to make sure you can use, tax-free, your savings for apprenticeships or to pay down college debt.

Our legislation lowers taxes for Gold Star families, ensuring that children of our fallen heroes have the certainty they deserve. This provision was first made public in 2014 in a draft that was widely praised by Democrats and Republicans alike.



It was brought to us by the Joint Committee on Taxation to make it simpler for families to file their kids' taxes and also to close some tax loopholes for the wealthy. Unfortunately, over 5 years, with scrutiny by both parties, tax experts, and the Joint Committee on Taxation, we still did not see one unintended consequence.

In this bill, we worked together, Republicans and Democrats, to make sure we honor our Gold Star families.

The time is right for these reforms. Workers' paychecks are rising; inflation is low; and businesses are expanding. What better opportunity to help folks save for the future?

Chairman NEAL deserves a great deal of credit. The bill we brought to the Rules Committee earlier this week cleared our committee nearly unanimously. Members of the Progressive Caucus, Freedom Caucus, New Democrats, Problem Solvers, and Republican Study Committee, we all voted "yes" on these reforms.

This is a rare occurrence in Washington, and it speaks to what a committee can accomplish when we work together on reforms—to positively impact our families and economy.

I have to admit, it is incredibly troubling that special interests—in this case, teachers unions—forced changes on our bipartisan bill for absolutely no good reason at the eleventh hour.

These special interest groups forced Democrats to block two provisions.

One allows parents to use their educational savings tax-free for the expenses of homeschooling. Nearly 2.5 million families use parent-centered, child-centered homeschooling as the best way for their children to reach their potential. It is all types of Americans and becoming more mainstream. It is Christians and Jews and Muslims. It is all races. It is parents whose kids are exceptionally bright and parents whose kids have learning disabilities and severe special needs. That is why that was in the bill.

The second provision that was blocked would allow families with kids in grades kindergarten through 12 to use savings for books, tutors, and educational therapies for students who may need it, such as those with learning disabilities. How many of us in this Chamber have kids with special needs and learning disabilities, some with mental and physical challenges? This would have allowed our parents to save tax-free and to help their kids with the special tools they need to reach their full potential.

I want to talk a little more about this in the future, but my bottom line is that backdoor deals made in the dead of night without bipartisan knowledge or support are not the way to do business.

Nonetheless, as we begin the debate on this bill, I am very encouraged by the underlying bill we have in front of us. It will greatly benefit our workers. It deserves strong support, and I am asking my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support these reforms.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD a letter from the Church Alliance.

CHURCH ALLIANCE,  
April 1, 2019.

Hon. RICHARD NEAL,  
Chairman, House Committee on Ways and Means, Washington, DC.

Hon. KEVIN BRADY,  
Ranking Member, House Committee on Ways and Means, Washington, DC.

Hon. RON KIND,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

Hon. MIKE KELLY,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN NEAL, RANKING MEMBER BRADY, CONGRESSMAN KIND AND CONGRESSMAN KELLY: The Church Alliance expresses our deep gratitude for inclusion of a provision to clarify that all church-affiliated organizations are able to participate in church 403(b)(9) retirement plans in the recently introduced Setting Every Community up for Retirement Enhancement (SECURE) Act of 2019 (H.R. 1994). We are grateful for the tremendous bipartisan work that has been done over the past several years on retirement reform, and are hopeful Congress will swiftly pass this legislation to ensure retirement security for clergy, lay workers and their families across the United States.

The Church Alliance is a coalition of the chief executive officers of 37 church benefits boards which are affiliated with mainline and evangelical Protestant denominations, three Jewish groups, and some Catholic schools and institutions. Church Alliance members provide employee benefits to approximately one million clergy, lay workers, and their families, serving over 155,000 churches, synagogues, and affiliated organizations such as schools, colleges and universities, nursing homes, children's homes, homeless shelters, food banks, and other ministries.

Section 110 of the SECURE Act seeks to clarify a recent positron by the Treasury Department and IRS to disregard more than 30 years of practice, precedent, and clear statutory language to bar employees of certain church-affiliated organizations from participating in retirement income account plans offered under section 403(b)(9) of the Tax Code. As a result, employees of church-related nursing homes, daycare centers, summer camps, preschools, colleges, universities, hospitals, and other social service organizations stand to lose access to the unique plan features they have come to depend upon. In addition, the Treasury and IRS position would cause church 403(b)(9) plans to incur significant transition costs, which would unfortunately siphon resources away from our core mission of supporting clergy and church lay workers and lead to higher costs for these plan participants.

We are encouraged by the introduction of the SECURE Act and its upcoming markup on April 2. We hope the House votes on passage of this important legislation as soon as possible. On behalf of the Church Alliance, thank you for your consideration of and attention to this important matter. We look forward to continuing to work with you to promote the retirement security of people of faith nationwide.

Sincerely,

JAMES F. (JIM) SANFT,  
Chair of the Church Alliance.

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from California (Mr. THOMPSON), who is the

chairman of the Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures.

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of the SECURE Act. I thank the chairman, Mr. NEAL, and Speaker PELOSI for their leadership on this important bill.

America is facing a retirement crisis. Nearly half of all the people in America do not have any money saved for retirement. The SECURE Act before us today helps fix that.

I am glad we could reach this bipartisan solution to make it easier for workers, including home healthcare workers in California, to take advantage of important retirement savings tools.

As a combat veteran and the father of two first responders, I understand how important it is that this bill also reverses the harmful tax hikes included in the Republican tax bill on survivor benefits. Hiking taxes on Gold Star families and families of first responders is unjust, and it insults how sacred these benefits are. It is just plain wrong. This bill reverses that harmful provision.

Madam Speaker, I thank Congresswoman LURIA for her leadership in this effort.

Madam Speaker, I ask that all my colleagues join me in support of this very important bill.

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. KELLY), who has helped lead many of these retirement reforms.

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I thank Ranking Member BRADY for yielding. I am so used to calling him chairman, but I look across the aisle to my great friend RICHARD NEAL, who is chairman right now, and I thank him so much for bringing this up today.

Madam Speaker, I enter into the RECORD a letter in support of the SECURE Act from AARP.

AARP,  
May 22, 2019.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE: On behalf of our nearly 38 million members and all older Americans, AARP supports the Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Act of 2019 (SECURE Act).

The SECURE Act contains a number of provisions that will improve both access and levels of coverage in employer-sponsored retirement savings plans. The legislation would enhance tax credits for employers that offer retirement plans with automatic enrollment and encourage more adequate deferral amounts. The legislation would also make it easier for small businesses to offer employees an automatic savings option through a multiple employer pension plan—a single plan in which a pooled provider assumes the primary fiduciary duties, making it easier for smaller employers to join together to offer a retirement plan to their workers.

Another important component of the SECURE Act is the expansion of access to retirement savings plans for part-time workers. There are more than 27 million part-time workers in the U.S., including more

than seven million Americans age 55 and older. According to AARP research, 38 percent of those age 25 to 49 and 26 percent of those age 50 to 64 who work part-time do so because of caregiving responsibilities—either for children or an adult loved one. Helping these workers save for retirement through a workplace savings plan would be important for their long-term financial security. The bill would be especially helpful to both caregivers and older workers who shift from full-time to part time status.

The bill would also give workers more information to prepare for retirement as well as protections to safeguard their hard-earned savings. It would require that workers' benefit statements add a lifetime income disclosure so that the statements show not just a lump sum, but the monthly value of their savings at retirement. Seniors would also be able to delay the required draw down of retirement savings until age 72, giving them more time to accumulate savings. The bill would also clarify rules on how employers and plans may select appropriate lifetime income payments. It is important to retain strong fiduciary law protections that ensure all retirement plan decisions, including for pooled plans and annuity selections, are made solely in the interest of participants and beneficiaries.

We urge you to vote YES on the SECURE Act, and look forward to working with you to enact legislation to enhance the ability of American workers to save for a secure retirement. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me, or have your staff contact Michele Varnhagen on our Government Affairs staff.

Sincerely,

NANCY A. LEAMOND,  
*Executive Vice President and  
Chief Advocacy and Engagement Officer.*

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, this is an unusual day. In many cases, it is providential, as we look on the eve of the time that we take to honor our fallen war dead.

Some people confuse it with the beginning of summer or the opening of our swimming pools. It has nothing to do with that.

But the fact that we can talk today about the SECURE Act—and when you talk about “secure,” what does “secure” mean? It means giving you certainty, making you assured, and making something reliable, something dependable, something that is fixed, something that is established, and something that is solid and sound.

What we are doing today is acting in the best interests of the American people. We are doing it in the people's House at a time when the rest of the Nation looks at us and asks, “Isn't there anything they can do together to help the American people?”

When I go home, I say, yes, there is. I have a great friend from Wisconsin, RON KIND, and we feel the same way. I talked with Mr. BRADY about it, and we feel the same way. I have talked with Mr. NEAL about it, and we feel the same way.

Today's effort is adding security in retirement years for every American, the opportunity to go into those golden years with a little gold in their pockets so that they can get through it, giving them peace of mind in being able to lay their heads on the pillows at night feeling safe and secure, knowing that they have prepared for their retirements.

There are many other pieces to this bill. We have talked about the provi-

sions to the Gold Star program. So if something was wrong, we made it right.

The 529 programs give people the opportunity to actually save and allocate money for the education of their children.

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It may not be in a 4-year college. Maybe it is a vocational opportunity. But it is there. It is their money, and they should be able to use it the way they want to use it.

I just said earlier about it being providential, and I mean that sincerely. There will be a few times today that the American people will look at us and say: They really have our best interests at heart. They really go to work every day thinking that they are not representing themselves but representing us, the American people.

When I look at this piece of legislation, I know how hard we worked with the chairman to get it through in the past sessions. We almost got it there but didn't quite get it there.

Madam Speaker, I say to Chairman NEAL, we are getting there. We are getting there. And I say to Mr. KIND, we are getting there.

I just think that it is such a fantastic opportunity to show the American people who we really are and what we really do and where our hearts really lie.

There are so many people who worked on this. Also, the staff. I thank Kara for doing the work that she has done. I always call her my girl Friday. In our office, Lori Prater. They all work so closely together. I wish the American people could see the camaraderie, could see how well we work together, and could understand that our concerns and their concerns are the same.

I am saying today that the SECURE Act gives us that opportunity. The time for the American people and retired people is just beginning, and we have blue skies and strong winds on our backs.

Madam Speaker, I wish everybody the best Memorial Day ever, and let's not forget our fallen heroes.

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, that is one of those moments when I didn't mind the gentleman's time running over.

Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD a letter of support from diverse coalitions across the country, including the Girl Scouts, the Jewish Federation, the Boy Scouts of America, the Christian Schools International, The Rural Broadband Association, and the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives.

APRIL 1, 2019.

CHARITIES & CO-OPS ENDORSE “SECURE ACT” RETIREMENT PACKAGE—STOPS PBGC FROM GROSSLY OVERCHARGING OUR PENSION PLANS

We endorse the bipartisan “SECURE Act” retirement package introduced by Ways & Means Chairman Richard Neal (D-MA), Ranking Member Kevin Brady (R-TX), and Reps. Ron Kind (D-WI) and Mike Kelly (R-PA). The “SECURE Act” stops the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp. (PBGC) from grossly overcharging “Cooperative and Small Em-

ployer Charity” defined benefit pension plans, i.e., plans covering multiple charities or rural cooperatives (“CSEC Plans”) by including critical provisions of H.R. 1007, the “Retirement Enhancement and Savings Act” and H.R. 1993, the “Providing Retirement Security to Workers in Small Businesses, Cooperatives, and Service Organizations Act” championed by Reps. Kind and Kelly.

Our core missions are to provide food, electricity, broadband, and other necessities of life, educate and empower children, care for the most vulnerable, and promote the sustainable development of the communities in which our millions of members, volunteers and beneficiaries live. However, current PBGC rules designed for large “single-employer” for-profit companies inappropriately require us to divert scarce resources from our core missions. These bills fix this inequity permanently.

The same facts that led Congress to adjust funding rules for CSEC Plans in 2014 strongly support adjusting PBGC premiums charged to CSEC Plans today. (See Cooperative and Small Employer Charity Pension Flexibility Act of 2014 (Pub. L. No. 113-97). It does not make sense for CSEC Plans to be subject to premiums designed for large “single-employer” for-profit companies.

It's time to stop forcing charities and not-for-profit cooperatives to subsidize the PBGC premiums of large “single-employer” companies. PBGC's own data supports reducing premiums for CSEC Plans; in fact, PBGC projects making more than a 3,000 percent return on CSEC plans for the 2014–2018 period.

Congress should include these provisions in any retirement package sent to the President's desk.

Girl Scouts of the USA; UJA—Federation of New York, Inc.; National Rural Electric Cooperative Assoc.; Boy Scouts of America; United Benefits Group; NTCA—The Rural Broadband Association; The Jewish Federations of North America; Christian Schools International; Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago; Hawkeye Insurance Association; National Council of Farmer Cooperatives.

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I acknowledge the good work that Mr. KELLY and Mr. KIND did on one very important amendment on this as well.

Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PASCRELL).

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, after years and years of prior Congresses thinking that tax policy was giving cuts to the rich, this bill uses our Tax Code for some good.

As the gentleman, my good friend from Pennsylvania, just said, we can work together, we can walk and chew gum at the same time, we can have oversight and have issues come up, and we join together for the American people. Whoever thinks otherwise doesn't know history and is not reading the papers every day.

Retirement should be about one thing: security. If you have spent your life working your tail off, you have the right to be able to relax without fear.

But, today, millions of Americans—millions—are afraid they are entering or are in retirement and don't have the resources they need to live. Many live on a Social Security check. They struggle to enjoy their best years.

Employees deserve benefits, and employers need incentives to provide them. This legislation does both. It provides flexibility to 401(k)s to give employees and small businesses better access; it creates a tax credit for employers; and it creates a tax credit for employers that build automatic enrollment plans.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I yield an additional 30 seconds to the gentleman.

Mr. PASCRELL. By passing this bill, we would finally repeal the maximum age for IRA contributions, something I have worked on for many years.

This bill cleared out of our committee unanimously. That is pretty rare. It is as rare as a unicorn. That tells you how commonsense the bill is.

I am glad that this bill eliminates an unfair tax, a tax increase on the benefits of children and Gold Star military families that was caused by the tax bill of 2017. This was a crushing blow to many families.

Madam Speaker, it is fitting that the House will make this fix before Memorial Day.

I encourage my colleagues to support the SECURE Act.

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I am proud to yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HOLDING), a key member of the Ways and Means Committee.

Mr. HOLDING. Madam Speaker, this past Saturday, I had the great pleasure of addressing a number of homeschool graduates in Cary, North Carolina, 55 of them, in fact.

I was impressed by these students, and I was inspired by their parents, who have made so many sacrifices and who have dedicated immeasurable time to ensuring their kids get a good education.

Today, we were supposed to be voting on legislation that would help homeschoolers. Tens of millions of Americans choose 529 savings plans to cover K-12 expenses. This money can be used for public schools, private schools, and religious schools, but it cannot be used to cover homeschool expenses.

This bill was supposed to fix this inequity by enabling homeschool parents to use their 529 savings plans. This would help erase and ease the financial burden on homeschool parents and give homeschoolers the same opportunities and resources enjoyed by other kids who go to private and public schools.

As Chairman NEAL said, Republicans and Democrats on the Ways and Means Committee came together, passed this bill out of our committee. Then it went to the Rules Committee, and Democratic leadership intervened. At the last minute, the bill was changed, and the language ending this discrimination against homeschoolers was removed.

Why would anyone object to ending the wrongful discrimination against homeschool families? There are over

130,000 homeschoolers in North Carolina and 1.6 million across the country. They deserve fairness, and their incredible parents deserve our help.

Sadly, Madam Speaker, that is not going to happen today. Otherwise, this is a good bill, but it certainly could have been a better bill.

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS).

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, when only 39 percent of Americans have enough savings to cover an emergency costing \$1,000 and when 67 percent of Americans say that they will outlive their retirement savings, the SECURE Act becomes a lifesaver.

It becomes a lifesaver because it makes it easier for small businesses to offer retirement plans. It gives retirement benefit opportunities to home healthcare workers, more than half of whom are women of color, working for extremely low pay.

And I must take note of that, because these individuals are at the low end of not only quality of life but low end of earnings. They now have an opportunity for some serious consideration of retirement.

It creates a small employer automatic enrollment credit to make it easier for workers to participate in 401(k) plans.

These are important changes. It is a great bill, not just a good bill.

Madam Speaker, I strongly support it, and I urge all my colleagues to do so.

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I am proud to yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SMITH), a member of the Ways and Means Committee, who has been a champion for expanding education savings accounts for Americans.

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak about a broken agreement and a missed opportunity to help families save for their children's education.

In April, the Ways and Means Committee marked up this bill in a very bipartisan manner. We heard ideas from both sides of the aisle to help Americans save for the future and their retirements.

Like all good negotiations, there was give and take. No side got everything they wanted, but we reached an agreement where we could pass the bill unanimously. In short, this is how the American people expect their government to work.

Madam Speaker, unfortunately, it became clear that this agreement was not in good faith. At the last minute, Democrats decided to undermine our bipartisan work on the Ways and Means Committee and stripped out an issue many Republicans feel strongly about: helping families afford everyday K-12 education costs.

Expanding 529 education savings accounts to cover common K-12 expenses would help all families save for their

children's education and their unique needs, no matter where they attend school, whether it is public school, private school, religious school, homeschool, and so on.

Madam Speaker, I want to know, what is so controversial about helping families afford educational therapies for students with disabilities? What is so controversial about making it easier to pay for tutoring, books, and standardized testing fees?

This is a missed opportunity to help families afford education costs no matter where they send their children to school, and it is a shame that partisan politics is getting in the way of helping families everywhere.

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. EVANS).

Mr. EVANS. Madam Speaker, I thank the chairman of this strong, powerful committee and the ranking member for leading this effort.

Madam Speaker, I rise to offer my support for the SECURE Act.

Making it easier for small businesses to offer retirement savings plans is vital. It is vital not only for the benefit of these small firms but also the people they employ, their families, and the communities they support.

In my home State of Pennsylvania, we have nearly 1 million small businesses, employing 2.5 million workers, accounting for 46.7 percent of the workforce for the entire State. Small firms account for 99.6 percent of my State's employers.

Small businesses are a vital part of saving our middle neighborhoods in Philadelphia and across the country. These are neighborhoods that are poised to tip either toward blight or growth. By helping small businesses and their employees, the SECURE Act would help to revitalize these middle neighborhoods and help our economy grow from the ground up.

Again, I thank the chairman and his leadership and the ranking member for this action.

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I am very proud to yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. SCHWEIKERT), a key member of our committee who worked on this legislation.

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Madam Speaker, to the committee chairman and, in my world, the chairman for life, you have done great.

It has been an interesting experience being in the minority, but we are blessed. We have freaky-smart people on the committee. It works. Even when we disagree, at least the debate and the discussion is fairly highbrow.

I, too, am concerned on the 529, more so because of the flexibility and, being the daddy of a 3½-year-old, not completely knowing if there are going to be any special needs coming, that choice. We should love and embrace the concept of that flexibility to take care of our little people.

I am very encouraged that there is movement towards incentivizing it and

making it easier, particularly for smaller businesses, to offer access into retirement accounts.

We need to have the conversation—and it is uncomfortable for all of us—go a bit further.

The amount of our society that is now in independent-contractor relationships, should we be allowed to use technology so that population also starts to have more and more savings for the future? We just need to deal with it. That is where much of the economy, in a demand economy, is going.

My last caveat—and I am voting for the bill. We have come a long ways. I do worry a little bit about the special agreement on newspapers, only because if we are truly worried about protecting workers into their retirement years, do we want to create more even special, special, special small cutouts where we are allowing the underfunding of a pension system?

We just need to think that through a little more from an ethical standpoint. Do we keep creating carve-out after carve-out after carve-out that creates a fragility for that retired population?

Even though we think we are helping the businesses survive, we actually hurt the future chances of those retirees getting their checks. We need to be careful on that.

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. SANCHEZ), who was very instrumental in the provisions that will simplify the Form 5500 filing process for small business.

Ms. SANCHEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the SECURE Act. I thank Chairman RICHARD NEAL for his tireless efforts to get this legislation across the finish line.

I have been proud to support versions of this bill for many years, and I am pleased that one of my bills has been included. My piece of this package offers a simple yet impactful way for small businesses across the country to better afford retirement plans for their employees.

Too many Americans simply aren't putting enough money away to ensure a secure retirement. Today's bill takes important steps to strengthen access to retirement security for hardworking Americans, and I am proud to have contributed one piece to solving this puzzle.

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But we still have a lot of work to do. I look forward to the passage of the SECURE Act today, and I am ready to keep working on the Ways and Means Committee to continue addressing our national retirement savings crisis.

Madam Speaker, I again thank Chairman NEAL.

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I am proud to yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. ESTES), one of our new members of the Ways and Means Committee.

Mr. ESTES. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the SECURE Act. It

is an overall good policy that will encourage Americans to save for retirement.

I am pleased that this bill makes it easier for small businesses to join together and offer retirement plans for more Americans. It allows graduate students and home healthcare workers to save more for retirement.

It includes a policy change to help Gold Star families. It also includes a fix to the taxation of children's unearned income that will support American Indian Tribal youth and encourage them to pursue a college education, similar to the legislation that I helped introduce with my colleague from Wisconsin (Ms. MOORE).

Finally, this bill will allow 529 plans to be used to pay for student loans and apprenticeship programs.

As a former State treasurer of Kansas, I oversaw a 529 plan and understand the importance of expanding these plans for our families. That is why I am disappointed that the manager's amendment removed good policy from this legislation that would have allowed 529 plans to help be used for expenses for K-12 education and to help special needs children.

Earlier this year, my Republican colleagues and I on the Ways and Means Committee entered good faith negotiations with Chairman NEAL and our Democratic colleagues to craft this bill. As a result, Republicans and Democrats on the committee unanimously voted for the SECURE Act in April.

However, since that time, the other side of the aisle played politics with this legislation when it was before the Rules Committee and removed those additional 529 provisions that were originally included to help special needs students. So, while I support today's bill and the policies that are still included, I sincerely hope that, moving forward, we can stop playing politics with good pieces of legislation and work in a bipartisan manner and negotiate in good faith to produce legislation that will help the American people.

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD a letter of support for the SECURE Act from the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
INSURANCE COMMISSIONERS,

May 7, 2019.

Hon. RICHARD E. NEAL,  
Chairman, Ways and Means Committee, House  
of Representatives, Washington, DC.

Hon. KEVIN BRADY,  
Ranking Member, Ways and Means Committee,  
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN NEAL AND RANKING MEMBER BRADY: On behalf of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC), we would like to express our support for H.R. 1994, the Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement (SECURE) Act. Recognizing the retirement savings crisis that exists in the United States, state insurance regulators have worked to make improvements to regulation and guidance impacting product delivery, compliance, and innovation of insurance products designed to

help mitigate this crisis under the NAIC Retirement Security Initiative. Given the unique products and features of our sector, state insurance regulators have embraced a broader public policy responsibility to not only ensure consumers remain protected by a solvent industry, but to help foster an environment where they have greater flexibility and more options to take informed steps to secure their retirement. The SECURE Act is aligned with the goals of this initiative as it seeks to provide greater consumer options for retirement plans.

Several of the provisions contained in the SECURE Act also complement our own consumer financial literacy and disclosure efforts and will make it easier for consumers to save for retirement. First, the legislation makes it easier for consumers to engage in a tax-free rollover of an annuity to another employer-sponsored retirement plan or IRA and avoid surrender charges and fees, making these products more portable and providing consumers more flexibility. Second, the bill would encourage plan participants to think in terms of lifetime income by requiring benefit statements to break down the total account balance into estimates of monthly annuity income at least once a year. Third, the legislation makes it easier for ERISA plan sponsors to select companies to offer annuity products by creating a safe harbor that relies on the conservative solvency regime of the state insurance regulatory system, which is specifically designed to ensure that an insurance company's obligations will be met both today and many years into the future.

We applaud your leadership in this effort to assist savers in making more-informed decisions to prepare for their retirement and allowing defined contribution plans to become a more effective vehicle for providing lifetime income.

Sincerely,

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Bureau of Insurance.

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NAIC Secretary-Treasurer, Director, Idaho  
Department of Insurance.

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. KIND), who was very instrumental in provisions which will help small businesses sponsor retirement plans, including multiple-employer plans.

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

I rise in strong support of the SECURE Act. This legislation is meant to address one of the great gaps we have in retirement savings: employees in small businesses, primarily affecting women, minorities, and young adults.

I want to thank the chairman and the ranking member for their leadership on the issue. I want to thank my good friend MIKE KELLY for partnering with me throughout this process, along with former colleagues Dave Reichert and Pat Tiberi, with whom I had a chance to work on this issue in particular.

I also want to thank the Representative in the chair today, Representative ELAINE LURIA, our commander. She is the one who introduced the Gold Star fix. It was a mistake that was made in the Tax Code that adversely affects survivor benefits for children of our fallen soldiers.

It also fixes distributions to Native American children and to students who receive scholarships and grants. I thank her for her leadership on it.

This is a good, bipartisan, bicameral piece of legislation. I encourage my colleagues to support it.

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. SMITH).

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Madam Speaker, I do want to say that I plan to vote for this bill. I support the improvements it makes to savings and retirement, which have gained bipartisan approval, both in the Senate and here in the House.

In particular, I appreciate hearing from agricultural cooperatives across Nebraska's Third District about the importance to them of the language in this bill reducing PBGC premiums for nonprofits.

I am also incredibly pleased we are moving quickly to address the Gold Star families tax issue and hope we can complete work on that problem as quickly—if not more quickly—as the rest of the provisions in this bill.

I do have reservations and concerns about the process which got us here and some provisions which are no longer in the bill.

As we know, the bill was marked up in the Ways and Means Committee on April 2. We reported it out unanimously, a very bipartisan effort. It was moved out of committee by a voice vote.

Prior to the markup, there were no concerns raised about the provisions in the bill, provisions that would help families pay for the education of their children, whether in home school or public school. As we know, many expenses come up for various reasons.

It is unfortunate that that took place, and I know that this wasn't the first time. Actually, it was the second time in 2 weeks that we are here considering legislation that was a product of bipartisan agreement in committee, but it was altered before it came to the House. It is very unfortunate.

And as I said at the beginning, I am going to support this bill. It has many good provisions, but I hope that we can avoid similar situations from undermining the committee process, undermining the integrity of the committee system that we have that empowers in-

dividual Members to work together with colleagues on a bipartisan basis. Let's not undermine that.

Again, I will vote for this bill. It could have been a better bill, and I hope next time we can address the shortcomings, moving forward.

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. BLUMENAUER), chairman of the Trade Subcommittee.

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman's courtesy, and I appreciate his moving forward on the issue of retirement security, for which he has been a tireless champion.

We are facing a retirement crisis in this country. Nearly half of households headed by someone 55 or older lack retirement savings. One of the many reasons they are not saving enough is lack of access to retirement plans. This bill moves in that direction.

I appreciate it is going to increase access to employer retirement plans for people who work in small business and part-time workers.

Of particular interest to me is a provision in this bill that fixes a quirk in the current law that prevents many home care workers from participating in a 401(k) or saving with an individual retirement account, an IRA.

I heard directly from home healthcare workers in Oregon about this problem. I am pleased, working with the committee, we have been able to fix this quirk moving forward. I anticipate this is one of many bills that will be moving forward dealing with retirement security in America, and I look forward to that progress.

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. WALBERG), who has worked on retirement and pension issues for many years.

Mr. WALBERG. Madam Speaker, I thank my friend from Texas for yielding, and I thank him for his work.

Madam Chairman, I rise today in support of H.R. 1994, the Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act.

I would like to thank Chairman NEAL and Ranking Member BRADY for their leadership on this important piece of legislation.

For families in my district, putting away enough money for retirement is a constant struggle. Now more than ever, we need policies that empower workers to save more and save earlier for retirement.

I am pleased this legislation includes a provision I coauthored with my colleague from Delaware (Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER). Our bipartisan provision clarifies rules surrounding annuity plans, making it possible for more employers to provide guaranteed lifetime income products as part of their benefits package. Our goal is to remove barriers to saving and give workers a variety of tools so they can choose what option best fits their needs.

Madam Speaker, we have a retirement income crisis in this country, and

the SECURE Act will help more Americans retire with dignity and piece of mind. I urge its passage today.

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Washington (Ms. DELBENE), who was very instrumental in the provisions providing pension funding relief for community newspapers and home healthcare workers as they attempt to maintain their retirement plans.

Ms. DELBENE. Madam Speaker, I thank the chairman for yielding.

I rise today in support of the SECURE Act. It is time that we address the retirement crisis in our country.

The SECURE Act takes several important steps to make it easier for Americans to save for retirement, and one important example is helping provide retirement benefit opportunities to home care workers.

Home care workers provide critical services for the elderly and disabled. Their service is vital to ensure that patients under their care lead a dignified life, and it is only right that they are able to have a secure retirement.

The SECURE Act fixes a tax inequity that unintentionally prohibits many home care workers from participating in a 401(k) or contributing to an IRA.

If we do not pass the SECURE Act, between 15,000 and 30,000 workers in my home State of Washington could be kicked out of their defined contribution plan. With passage of the SECURE Act, home care workers will rightfully have the same opportunity to save for retirement as other workers.

I urge my colleagues to vote "yes."

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Missouri (Mrs. WAGNER), a leader who has worked for working moms and our veterans.

Mrs. WAGNER. Madam Speaker, I thank my friend from Texas (Mr. BRADY) for yielding me the time.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the SECURE Act.

Over the last two decades, we have made progress in helping Americans save more for their retirement. U.S. retirement savings have increased from \$11 trillion in 2001 to \$28 trillion today. But we need to do more, especially in this booming economy.

This legislation will increase the number of workers with access to retirement plans, encourage higher savings rates, and enable older working adults to save for a secure retirement.

The SECURE Act is a commonsense, private-sector solution enabling Americans to save more for their retirement by expanding access for workers who choose to participate in a workplace plan. It simultaneously preserves employer choice and competition.

The SECURE Act has the added benefit of lowering taxes for our Gold Star families. Providing more for the relatives and the children of U.S. military members who gave their lives to secure our freedom and liberty is most fitting on the eve of our Memorial Day weekend.

I urge my colleagues to vote in favor of this legislation today.

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentlewoman from Wisconsin (Ms. MOORE), who was a leader on the kiddie tax issue addressing Tribal distributions.

Ms. MOORE. Madam Speaker, I thank the chairman for his leadership and for moving this bipartisan legislation forward. This is really a necessary step to ensuring that more Americans can save for retirement.

I also commend the chairman for his swift action to redress the harsh tax rate and unintended consequences caused by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 on Gold Star families, low-income children, and young adults who receive payments from Tribal governments.

Our special tax rules on unearned income of children and young adults to prevent wealthy families from engaging in tax planning to artificially lower their tax burden, of course, is not relevant to these payments made to Gold Star families, survivor benefits, and Tribal children.

The 2017 rate repeal only partially addressed an underlying problem where additional legislation is required relative to Tribal youth. Mr. ESTES and I introduced bipartisan legislation, H.R. 2018, to fix the underlying problem of the kiddie tax on taxable disbursements made by Tribal governments.

So, Madam Speaker, I ask the chairman to tell Members of this Chamber and the Tribes who are watching closely throughout the country what his intentions are relative to the underlying problem with the kiddie tax.

Mr. NEAL. Will the gentlewoman yield?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentlewoman has expired.

Mr. NEAL. Madam Chair, I yield myself 30 seconds.

I want to thank the gentlewoman from Wisconsin (Ms. MOORE) for her support of the bill before us and her leadership on addressing the unfair tax that has plagued Tribes making taxable distributions to their children and young adults.

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The kiddie tax was enacted to prevent wealthy families from shifting family income to minor children.

The rationale for this new law does not apply to funds distributed by Indian Tribal governments because Indian Tribes are not taxable entities and their distributions could never be intended for the purpose of a tax deduction.

The Ways and Means Committee will work to address this problem, with the goal of excluding such Tribal government distributions from the kiddie tax provisions.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I yield 15 seconds to the gentlewoman from Wisconsin (Ms. MOORE).

Ms. MOORE. Madam Speaker, this is a first step toward meeting our trust

obligations to the sovereign first people of this country.

I thank the chairman for yielding.

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I yield myself 30 seconds.

Madam Speaker, I want to recognize those who worked in a bipartisan way to address the Gold Star issue: Representatives BACON, DIAZ-BALART, HERERA BEUTLER, HOLDING, MARCHANT, WAGNER, WALTZ, and WENSTRUP.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, how much time is remaining on both sides?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Massachusetts has 14¾ minutes remaining. The gentleman from Texas has 6¾ minutes remaining.

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. SCHNEIDER), who is very knowledgeable about retirement issues.

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of the SECURE Act.

A secure and dignified retirement is a critical part of the American Dream, but for too many seniors, this aspiration is falling increasingly out of reach.

I am pleased that this House is taking action today in response. Our bill will help more Americans save for retirement by allowing workers to participate in 401(k) plans.

Additionally, the legislation makes it easier for small businesses to offer retirement plans to their employees and help small businesses set up automatic enrollment programs. It replaces antiquated barriers slowing the adoption of multiemployer plans and improves the quality of service providers.

The AARP estimates that these changes will lead to more than 700,000 new retirement accounts.

Finally, as we approach Memorial Day and reflect on the ultimate sacrifice made by fallen servicemembers and their families, I am pleased this legislation fixes a provision in the 2017 Republican tax law that increased taxes on survivor benefits paid by families. Our Gold Star families already deal with the unimaginable loss of a loved one; they should not also be facing a tax increase.

Madam Speaker, I am so proud this legislation was a bipartisan effort in the Ways and Means Committee, and I urge my colleagues to support this important bill to improve retirement security.

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from New York (Mr. SUOZZI).

Mr. SUOZZI. Madam Speaker, there is a retirement crisis in America today. Working men and women simply just don't have enough money in retirement savings.

I rise today to advocate for the bipartisan SECURE Act, which will: one, help small businesses provide retirement plans that include automatic en-

rollment by giving those businesses an opportunity to pool together and by offering them a tax credit to help pay for startup costs; and, two, provide 401(k)s for the rising number of part-time workers and independent contractors in the new tech economy that can be portable from their current jobs to the next ones.

Since the 1980s, the American economy has grown dramatically. Since 1983, the Dow Jones has gone up 1,200 percent and the GDP has gone up 600 percent, yet the wages of the American people have gone up less than 20 percent. No longer is hard work a guarantee of achieving the American Dream.

Every American, whether liberal or conservative, believes that if you are willing to work 40 or 50 hours a week and 50 weeks a year that you should be able to have a decent place to live, to educate your children, to have health insurance, and to retire one day without being scared. That is simply not happening.

The SECURE Act will help make retirement security a reality for millions of Americans.

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. WALTZ), a veteran, a Green Beret, and a new Member of Congress.

Mr. WALTZ. Madam Speaker, as a combat veteran and as a Green Beret, this is personal for me. I know firsthand the seriousness of the call to serve our country, and I know that when soldiers take their place on the battlefield, they are prepared to defend America and lose their lives for our freedom.

The families of our servicemembers wait for their loved one's safe return nervously and anxiously await hearing their voice and feeling the comfort of their warm embrace once more. Unfortunately, for some, the knock on their door instead initiates them into a fraternity no family wants to join. That knock changes them forever and makes them part of the Gold Star family.

When our servicemembers pass, many of their spouses put their benefits in their children's name. As if the loss of a mother or a father isn't and wasn't painful enough, some of our Gold Star children's pain is worsened by an unintended oversight in our Tax Code which forces them to pay thousands in additional taxes on survivor benefits and raises their tax liability from 12 percent to nearly 40 percent.

This is not just a financial issue; it is a strategic issue for our Volunteer military. It affects recruitment and retention. Some people may not want to volunteer with the possibility of a large financial burden on their loved one if the worst happens.

The bottom line is, if our family support starts cracking, the entire foundation of our modern military is in trouble. We have an opportunity today to right this wrong and to fix this with the Gold Star Family Tax Relief Act, which is being included in the SECURE Act that is up for today's vote.



I would thank Chairman NEAL and Ranking Member BRADY for quickly recognizing this issue and for including this measure in the final bill.

Today, I call upon my colleagues in the House to make this right. I hope that Members will join me in supporting the passage of this legislation to show our country's appreciation to the Gold Star families for laying so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom.

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. BEYER) and thank the gentleman for his valuable work on the kiddie tax issue that affects the children of fallen first responders.

Mr. BEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 1994.

I would like to begin by thanking Chairman NEAL, my friend RON KIND, and all of the good folks and committee staff for their hard work on this bill.

The 2017 Republican tax law was passed despite being littered with errors, unintended consequences, and just straight-up bad ideas.

One of the most unjustifiable and immediately painful provisions of the bill was the unintended consequence of this change to the kiddie tax, which resulted in massive tax increases for the surviving children of servicemembers, first responders, as well as for scholarship recipients and other minors. The SECURE Act repeals that provision.

These populations deserve our sympathy and support. I can only hope that this was a stunning oversight.

Since the harms of this provision came to light during tax filings, many Members, including myself, heard from constituents whose families were subject to these unjust and shocking bills.

Several bills have been introduced to address these tax issues for various impacted groups, including my bill, H.R. 2840, which exempted the survivors of first responders. It is a strong, positive bill, and I encourage my colleagues to vote "yes."

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I am very proud to yield 1 minute to the gentleman from California (Mr. MCCARTHY), the leader for Republicans of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Mr. MCCARTHY. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Before I begin, I want to thank both sides. I want to thank the chairman and I want to thank the ranking member, not for the bill that is on the floor today but for the bill that was put out of committee.

When we look across the country, we see division. Very seldom can we ever find a bill that gets every Democrat's and every Republican's support, but that is what we look for, that committees can work together.

The whole reason bills go through committees before they come to the floor is this is where the expertise is, this is where the debates happen, this is where it is combined together.

But now I want to apologize to the chairman. I don't know what the gen-

tleman's leadership did or why. But why would they change the moment that we have for the country to see something that they haven't seen in a while? Why would they do something that a chairman and a ranking member and every member on that committee, regardless of where they come from across this country, regardless of party, agreed to?

Special interest has power. Special interest is more powerful than the members who are in that committee with the expertise. Special interest is more powerful than Members of Congress finding common ground. Special interest is more powerful with the leadership on the other side.

They should not treat their Members this way. They should not treat America this way.

So let's talk about this bill. Because what it really goes to is, how powerful is this special interest, and who are they hurting?

Many parents choose to use a 529 savings account to help them save money for their children's education. We all agree on each side of the aisle that the most important thing that happens when you have a child is the opportunity that they will have. It is no longer about what you will become; it is what your children's opportunities will be.

We all agree that education is the great equalizer. It doesn't matter where a person grows up or what side of the street they live on, but education will give everybody that opportunity.

As a Republican leader, when I watched this committee work, I was proud. I was proud of both sides. I was proud that they were able to come together. And where they came together was on 529 accounts. These plans allow them to invest in a tax-free account, incur interest, and spend it on educational expenses like tuition.

For many years, these accounts only applied to college-related expenses, but, today, thanks to the Republican-led tax reform law in 2017, families can now use those funds to pay K-12 costs too.

Because why would we want to hurt somebody? Maybe they were in a bad school district or have other reasons. We want everybody in America to have that opportunity. That was a big win for all families—Republican, Democrat, Green Party, didn't matter.

Under current law, 529 savings accounts cannot be used for K-12 book costs, tutoring expenses for when kids fall behind and we want them to be able to catch up, fees for college admission exams—anybody that has a child at that age knows how much is spent on all of the exams—or to pay for educational therapy for students with disabilities.

Wouldn't everybody want to help that child with disabilities? I believe so. The action of the committee proved that. Every Democrat in the committee said that, and every member on the Republican side said that. I was proud of that.

But, unfortunately, special interest has more power. This is why, to me, I have real concerns on this bill. The official bill report is fantastic, what came out of committee. But when it got to the Democrat leadership, I guess they had different plans.

Now, I shouldn't be shocked, because I was sitting in this well last week with the same dilemma. Another committee, Energy and Commerce, was dealing with a really important issue, much like what we are dealing with today, prescription drugs. And what happened was that both sides agreed on how to make prescription drug prices lower and give Americans more options, and they all voted for it. But it went right through that leadership, Madam Speaker, on the other side, and special interest won again. They put a poison pill in, so that will never become law.

Madam Speaker, because special interest pressured this leadership to change this bill, it says something. To me, it says three things very clearly.

It seems to me that the Democratic leadership is not the same Democratic leadership that I knew in the past. There are people on the other side of the aisle who call themselves Socialist Democrats. It seems to me that they want institutions, not individuals, to be focused on education funding. They want partisan interests, not parents, to decide how children learn. And they want the Federal Government, not families, to have control over their money.

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But that is not what the American people want. The American people want exactly what happened in that committee, exactly the power that brought all the Republicans and all the Democrats together. They don't want special interests to continue to run this House.

The committee proved they could stand up. Whom did they stand up for? Those who need it the most: the parents of children with disabilities, leveling the playing field so every child has an opportunity when it comes to education.

Of all the issues that could divide us, Madam Speaker, I don't understand why the leadership did that to the Ways and Means Committee. I don't think that is right for the work that the chairman and the ranking member put in. We deserve better. We displayed that we could be better. Unfortunately, special interests won over the parents, and that is wrong.

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. KILDEE).

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I thank the chairman for yielding and for his leadership on bringing this important legislation to the floor.

Let's say what this bill really does. It provides Americans who work hard access to retirement with dignity and respect. It allows workers who don't have

access to retirement accounts—including home healthcare workers, part-time workers, as well as multiple employers—to have access to retirement accounts.

The SECURE Act fixes this. This is an important step forward in providing much-needed retirement security for so many Americans. It encourages small employers to develop 401(k) plans. It helps build our workforce by allowing apprentices access to college savings accounts to cover the cost of purchasing equipment necessary for their training for their chosen trade. This is a big step forward for those workers.

Finally, Madam Speaker, I appreciate the fact that this bill also addresses some of the many oversights of the 2017 Republican tax bill, including addressing how children are taxed, especially Tribal children.

This is a good bill, and I support it.

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I am prepared to close, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. MURPHY), who was instrumental on a provision allowing long-term, part-time workers to participate in 401(k) plans.

Mrs. MURPHY. Madam Speaker, if you spend your life working hard, then you should have the dignity of a secure retirement. That is why I rise today in strong support for the SECURE Act, a bipartisan bill that will help more Americans retire with dignity and with a higher quality of life. It allows older Americans to continue to invest more and for longer in their traditional IRAs so that they can get a greater ROI on their hard-earned money.

It also contains a provision I authored requiring employers to allow long-term, part-time employees to participate in a company's 401(k) plan. This change will especially help women, as women are more likely than men to be long-term, part-time workers.

Finally, the SECURE Act fixes a mistake the Republicans made last Congress when they rammed through their partisan tax giveaway to corporations and the wealthy. In doing so, they inadvertently raised taxes on Gold Star children and families.

As we fix this problem today, I hope this body remembers that process matters and that a bad process leads to unintended consequences that hurt everyday Americans. I am glad that we can undo some of that damage today.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the SECURE Act, which is a good piece of bipartisan legislation that helps countless American families.

Mr. BRADY. I reserve the balance of my time, Madam Speaker.

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. LARSON), who was very instrumental on a provision related to benefits to volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders.

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I rise today to support the SECURE Act and commend Chairman NEAL and Republican Leader BRADY for the outstanding work on this, as well as our colleagues RON KIND and MIKE KELLY. I also would like to single out Dave Reichert, who is no longer here, and myself for the work that was done with regard to volunteers.

The provisions of this bill in terms of aid and assistance to rank-and-file citizens are legendary—and I thank Mr. NEAL again for those efforts—but specifically for volunteer firefighters, for EMTs, and for those who give selflessly in an opportunity to serve their communities. For the meager amounts of uniforms and whatever they received in compensation, to have that taxed was an insult. So I am proud, again, to make sure that this piece of legislation included an opportunity for volunteers all across this country. Twenty-three communities in my State have volunteers.

I thank the chairman again for his leadership.

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I continue to reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SCOTT). Chairman BOBBY SCOTT is responsible for a number of very important provisions in this legislation.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

I rise in support of the SECURE Act, a bipartisan proposal to address our Nation's retirement security crisis. Several of the bill's provisions are under the jurisdiction of the Committee on Education and Labor, and I would like to discuss two of them.

First, the SECURE Act makes it easier for small businesses to band together to form multiple employer plans. This is expected to increase workers' access to retirement savings programs with potentially lower cost investment options.

Second, the SECURE Act includes a carefully and narrowly tailored safe harbor for the selection of an annuity provider for 401(k) plans. This limited safe harbor is intended to ease employers' concerns about their fiduciary liability and to expand workers' access to annuities and other lifetime income options.

I thank Chairman NEAL and Ranking Member BRADY for their leadership, and I urge my colleagues to support the SECURE Act.

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I continue to reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. MALINOWSKI).

Mr. MALINOWSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my strong support for the bipartisan SECURE Act. This bill will enable hundreds of thousands of working and middle-class Americans to retire with the dignity they deserve.

According to the AARP, 72 percent of New Jersey's workers say they are anxious about having enough money to live comfortably through retirement, and 86 percent of workers without access to a retirement savings account would take advantage of one if available.

Madam Speaker, 1.7 million people in New Jersey work for employers that do not provide access to a retirement plan. So this year, our State passed a law requiring businesses with 25 or more employees to participate in a retirement savings program. The SECURE Act will make it much easier for small- and medium-sized businesses in New Jersey to meet this requirement by allowing them to pool together to create multi-employer plans. It also expands access to retirement accounts for home healthcare workers, a rapidly growing sector of our economy.

Passing this bill today will go a long way toward helping Americans retire with peace of mind. I am grateful for the bipartisan support, and I urge my colleagues to back the bill.

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I continue to reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Virginia (Mrs. LURIA) and thank her particularly for her critical leadership in preventing an unfair and unexpected tax burden from being imposed on the children of our fallen soldiers.

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, we are all in Congress because we see room for improvement in America, especially for our servicemembers, veterans, and our military families. As a 20-year Navy veteran myself, I know it is not just the brave men and women who fight for America, but also the families who support them every step of the way.

When Gold Star widows from Virginia Beach contacted me about how their tax bills jumped thousands of dollars as a result of the 2000 tax law, I knew I had to do something. That is why I took action to introduce the bipartisan Gold Star Family Tax Relief Act, which fixes the unintended tax hike that many Gold Star families experienced.

A number of families across our coastal Virginia district have shared their stories about how this tax law changed their lives. One woman, the widow of a Navy SEAL killed in Afghanistan, saw the taxes on her son's benefits rise by \$4,000 in 2018, another by \$6,000, and another by \$2,500.

What this tax bill did to Gold Star families was wrong, but I have been heartened to see so many of my colleagues join me in a bipartisan effort to right these wrongs. As of today, we have 155 cosponsors and received endorsements of 20 veterans service organizations.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. DEGETTE). The time of the gentlewoman has expired.

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I yield the gentlewoman from Virginia an additional 1 minute.

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, with this momentum, we can fix a problem for so many heroic families and ensure security for their benefits.

I include in the RECORD a letter signed by 20 veterans service organizations in support of the Gold Star family tax provisions included within the SECURE Act.

MAY 22, 2019.

Hon. ELAINE LURIA,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSWOMAN LURIA: As leaders of the major veterans, military, and survivor organizations, we are pleased to offer our support for H.R. 2481, the Gold Star Family Tax Relief Act.

Surviving spouses of service members who die in the line of duty and military retirees who die from service-connected wounds, illnesses, or injuries are entitled to Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs. Survivors who paid into the Department of Defense Survivor Benefits Plan (SBP) have a dollar-for-dollar offset of their SBP benefits by the amount of DIC benefits. To avoid the SBP/DIC offset, surviving spouses often sign over SBP benefits to their children to ensure the family receives both earned benefits.

Due to a recent change in tax law, known as the "Kiddie Tax," Gold Star families who were formerly obligated to pay 12 to 15 percent in taxes on their earned benefits are now being taxed up to 37 percent, leaving them thousands of dollars in tax debt. This important bill would rightfully repeal the Kiddie Tax and reinstate military survivor benefits to the previous tax rate.

Thank you again for your leadership on this issue. We look forward to working with you and your staff to pass this important legislation immediately.

Sincerely,

Robert Wallace, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States; Bonnie Carroll, Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors; Harriet Boyden, Gold Star Wives of America; Joseph R. Chenelly, AMVETS; Louis Celli, The American Legion; Joyce Wessel Raezer, National Military Family Association; Dana T. Atkins, Military Officers Association of America; Carl Blake, Paralyzed Veterans of America; Keith A. Reed, Air Force Sergeants Association; John Cho, AMSUS, the Society of Federal Health Professionals.

James T. Currie, Commissioned Officers Assn. of the US Public Health Service, Inc; Norman Rosenshein, Jewish War Veterans of the USA; Vincent Patton III, Non Commissioned Officers Assn. of the United States of America; Randy Reid, USCG Chief Petty Officers Assn.; Jeff J. Schloesser, Army Aviation Association of America; Christopher Cole, Association of the United States Navy; Carol Setteducato, Chief Warrant Officers Association of the US Coast Guard; Thomas "LPM" Howlett, Marine Corps Reserve Association; Kenneth Greenberg, The Retired Enlisted Association; Brian Dempsey, Wounded Warrior Project.

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to vote for the SECURE Act and, in doing that, fix this tax problem that has impacted so many of our Gold Star families across the Commonwealth of Virginia and the country.

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I yield myself 30 seconds.

Madam Speaker, how sad it is that some are trying to make this a partisan, petty measure.

The truth is, in 2014, in an original draft of tax reform, this provision was included by the Joint Committee on Taxation to simplify the Tax Code and to stop tax loopholes. That draft was praised by my Democratic colleagues, by Mr. NEAL, Mr. KIND, and Mr. THOMPSON.

In over 5 years, no one spotted this unintended consequence. When it surfaced, Republicans and Democrats came together immediately and resolved to not just fix it but to make it retroactive.

Why make this a petty, partisan issue? Our Gold Star parents deserve better.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I have no further speakers, and I am prepared to close. I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Madam Speaker, I am proud that, last session, Republicans and Democrats came together to pass a retirement security bill not once but twice because we knew how important this was. I was chairman, and I was proud to help lead that effort.

This year, I am the proudest leader of the Republicans on the Ways and Means Committee to work with Chairman NEAL again to make it even better to try to help families save.

But I am disappointed in the process after it left the committee, through no fault of Chairman NEAL's.

Just 2 months ago, we heard Democratic lawmakers sit in that seat and say they will work to restore the people's faith that government works in the public's interest. They said they will pass laws and make sure our government acts in the best interests of the American people, not entrenched special interests.

It is unfortunate that every word there was stomped on this week by special interest groups that forced our Democratic friends to make changes to a bill that would help children and parents with costs associated with schools.

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act allowed parents to save tax-free for schools from kindergarten through 12th grade, and these bipartisan reforms that were stripped from this bill would have allowed parents to use their education savings dollars for homeschooling and additional kindergarten through 12 expenses at public, private, and religious schools.

This is money the families could have used for books, online education material, tutoring, AP classes, university exams, and educational therapies for students, including for kids with disabilities.

Every parent blessed with a special needs child or one who struggles to keep up in school knows the constant

search to find the right learning tools, the effective therapies, and the trained tutors to help their challenged children learn.

Apparently, for our teachers' union, that was wrong. They moved effectively to block the ability of parents to help their kids, whether they are gifted, whether they have learning disabilities, whether they need that tutor, or whether a child is severely challenged, mentally and physically, and needs that help.

What do we have to fear from parents who want to help their kids and use their own dollars for it?

What would our Nation be if denied the genius of Steven Spielberg who overcame dyslexia as a child or CNN anchor Anderson Cooper whose parents hired a special instructor to help him overcome his learning disabilities?

Where would we be without business leaders like Steve Jobs, Charles Schwab, Richard Branson, or Henry Ford, all with learning disabilities, all who have made amazing contributions to our country?

Blocking these provisions is not proeducation, and there is no way it is prochild.

□ 1030

It is beyond me how an education association can oppose parents using their own savings to help their child reach their highest potential. But I don't fault them. I fault the lawmakers who are beholden to them, who removed these provisions.

This bill deserves support, and I will strongly support it, but I am terribly disappointed.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

As I close, I want to take a moment to celebrate this truly bipartisan process that brought this legislation to the floor today.

First, I want to thank the Democratic members and Republican members of the Committee on Ways and Means, and, in particular, I want to thank Mr. BRADY for his good work along the way.

I also want to acknowledge that there is more work to be done in the leadership space in terms of retirement savings, and I am hopeful that we will be able to do that as well.

Let me acknowledge Mr. ROE, Mrs. TRAHAN, Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BANKS, Mr. POCAN, Mr. BUDD, Mrs. LURIA, and Mr. BACON.

Certainly, as I come down the home stretch in closing, I want to acknowledge much of the good work that has taken place by staff members on both sides as well. But let me cite on the Democratic side, if I could—this was a pretty big bill, and it required a team effort. The Democratic staff, including Kara Getz, Andrew Grossman, Beth Bell, Aruna Kalyanam, Mary Petrovic, and Lee Slater all did yeomen and

yeowomen's work in making sure that we would get to this day.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise to speak in support of the "Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act of 2019."

H.R. 1994, the Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement (SECURE) Act helps Americans to save more for a secure retirement and delivering a urgently needed fix for Gold Star military families facing drastic tax hikes under the GOP tax scam.

This legislation:

Makes it easier for small businesses to offer retirement plans to their employees;

Ensures that hard-working home health care workers can receive retirement benefits; and, Eliminates the unexpected and unfair enormous tax increases caused by the GOP tax scam that were on the survivorship benefits of children in Gold Star military families already facing the extraordinary hardship of losing a loved one.

The spouses of our fallen heroes sometimes sign over earned benefits to their children to ensure the family receives all benefits.

This bill will help Gold Star Families who are being taxed unfairly by the Trump Tax Cut.

But because the new Republican tax law brought changes to how children's assets are taxed, many Gold Star Families are required to pay thousands of additional dollars in taxes on survivor benefits—a crushing blow to families who have already given so much to our country.

Prior to the Trump Tax Cut Scam, money given by the military to the children of troops who died on duty were taxed at the same rate as their surviving parents.

But under Trump's tax cuts the changes included in the December 2017 tax law overhaul, those benefits were instead treated the same as family estate transfers, which increased the tax rate from no more than 15 percent to up to 37 percent.

This change significantly raised the tax bills for many of those military families.

It is important to provide these needed changes to protect Gold Star Families, and I look forward to the additional changes that are under way to help others hurt by the inequity of the Trump tax hike for the very rich.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to House Resolution 389, the previous question is ordered on the bill, as amended.

The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 1(c) of rule XIX, further consideration of H.R. 1994 is postponed.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the question on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 223, nays 194, answered "present" 2, not voting 12, as follows:

[Roll No. 229]

YEAS—223

Adams	Gomez	Payne
Aguilar	Granger	Perlmutter
Allred	Green (TX)	Perry
Amodei	Grijalva	Phillips
Bacon	Grothman	Pingree
Banks	Haaland	Pocan
Barr	Hastings	Porter
Barragán	Hayes	Pressley
Bass	Heck	Price (NC)
Bergman	Higgins (NY)	Quigley
Beyer	Hill (CA)	Raskin
Bilirakis	Hollingsworth	Reed
Bishop (GA)	Hoyer	Reschenthaler
Blumenauer	Huffman	Rice (NY)
Blunt Rochester	Jayapal	Richmond
Bonamici	Johnson (GA)	Rodgers (WA)
Bost	Johnson (TX)	Roe, David P.
Boyle, Brendan	Jordan	Rose (NY)
F.	Joyce (OH)	Roybal-Allard
Brady	Joyce (PA)	Ruppersberger
Brindisi	Keating	Rush
Brown (MD)	Kelly (IL)	Rutherford
Bustos	Kelly (PA)	Ryan
Butterfield	Kennedy	Sánchez
Carbajal	Khanna	Sarbanes
Carson (IN)	Kildee	Scanlon
Carter (TX)	Kim	Schakowsky
Cartwright	King (IA)	Schiff
Case	Lamb	Schneider
Casten (IL)	Langevin	Schweikert
Castor (FL)	Larsen (WA)	Scott (VA)
Castro (TX)	Larson (CT)	Scott, David
Chu, Judy	Lawrence	Serrano
Cicilline	Lawson (FL)	Sewell (AL)
Cisneros	Lee (CA)	Shalala
Clark (MA)	Lee (NV)	Sherman
Clarke (NY)	Levin (CA)	Simpson
Clay	Levin (MI)	Sires
Cleaver	Lewis	Smith (NJ)
Clyburn	Lieu, Ted	Smith (WA)
Cohen	Lipinski	Smucker
Connolly	Loebsock	Soto
Courtney	Loftgren	Speier
Cox (CA)	Lowenthal	Stanton
Crist	Lowe	Stefanik
Cummings	Lujan	Steil
Curtis	Luria	Stevens
Davids (KS)	Lynch	Swalwell (CA)
Davidson (OH)	Malinowski	Takano
Davis (CA)	Maloney,	Taylor
Davis, Danny K.	Carolyn B.	Thompson (MS)
Dean	Marshall	Thornberry
DeGette	Matsui	Titus
DeLauro	McCarthy	Tlaib
DelBene	McClintock	Torres (CA)
Delgado	McCollum	Torres Small
Demings	McEachin	(NM)
DeSaulnier	McGovern	Trahan
Deutch	McNerney	Trone
Dingell	Meadows	Underwood
Doggett	Meeks	Vargas
Doyle, Michael	Meng	Veasey
F.	Moore	Vela
Engel	Morelle	Velázquez
Escobar	Moulton	Visclosky
Eshoo	Mucarsel-Powell	Wagner
Español	Nadler	Waltz
Finkenauer	Napolitano	Wasserman
Fortenberry	Neal	Schultz
Foster	Neguse	Watkins
Frankel	Newhouse	Watson Coleman
Gabbard	Norcross	Webster (FL)
Gallego	Omar	Welch
Garamendi	Pallone	Wilson (FL)
Garcia (IL)	Panetta	Wilson (SC)
Garcia (TX)	Pascrell	Yarmuth

NAYS—194

Abraham	Brooks (AL)	Chabot
Aderholt	Brooks (IN)	Cheney
Allen	Brownley (CA)	Cline
Amash	Buchanan	Cloud
Arrington	Buck	Cole
Axne	Bucshon	Collins (NY)
Babin	Budd	Comer
Baird	Burchett	Conaway
Balderson	Burgess	Cook
Beatty	Byrne	Cooper
Bera	Calvert	Correa
Biggs	Cárdenas	Costa
Bishop (UT)	Carter (GA)	Craig

Crawford	Huizenga	Rice (SC)
Crenshaw	Hunter	Riggleman
Crow	Hurd (TX)	Roby
Cuellar	Johnson (OH)	Rogers (AL)
Cunningham	Johnson (SD)	Rogers (KY)
Davis, Rodney	Katko	Rooney (FL)
DesJarlais	Kelly (MS)	Rose, John W.
Diaz-Balart	Kilmer	Rouda
Duffy	Kind	Rouzer
Duncan	King (NY)	Roy
Dunn	Kirkpatrick	Ruiz
Emmer	Krishnamoorthi	Scalise
Estes	Kuster (NH)	Schrader
Evans	Kustoff (TN)	Schrier
Ferguson	LaHood	Scott, Austin
Fitzpatrick	LaMalfa	Sensenbrenner
Fleischmann	Lamborn	Sherrill
Fletcher	Latta	Shimkus
Flores	Lesko	Slotkin
Foxx (NC)	Long	Smith (MO)
Fudge	Loudermilk	Smith (NE)
Fulcher	Lucas	Spanberger
Gaetz	Luetkemeyer	Spano
Gallagher	Maloney, Sean	Steube
Gianforte	Marchant	Stewart
Gibbs	Massie	Suozi
Golden	Mast	Thompson (CA)
Gonzalez (OH)	McAdams	Thompson (PA)
Gonzalez (TX)	McBath	Timmons
Gooden	McCaul	Tipton
Gottheimer	McHenry	Turner
Graves (GA)	McKinley	Upton
Graves (LA)	Meuser	Van Drew
Graves (MO)	Miller	Walberg
Green (TN)	Mitchell	Walden
Griffith	Moolenaar	Walker
Guest	Mooney (WV)	Walorski
Guthrie	Mullin	Waters
Hagedorn	Murphy	Weber (TX)
Harder (CA)	Norman	Wenstrup
Harris	Nunes	Westerman
Hartzer	O'Halleran	Wexton
Hern, Kevin	Ocasio-Cortez	Wild
Hice (GA)	Olson	Williams
Higgins (LA)	Palazzo	Wittman
Hill (AR)	Palmer	Womack
Himes	Pappas	Woodall
Holding	Pence	Wright
Horn, Kendra S.	Peters	Yoho
Horsford	Peterson	Young
Houlahan	Posey	Zeldin
Hudson	Ratcliffe	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—2

DeFazio Tonko

NOT VOTING—12

Armstrong	Herrera Beutler	Kaptur
Collins (GA)	Jackson Lee	Kinzinger
Gohmert	Jeffries	Staub
Gosar	Johnson (LA)	Stivers

□ 1104

Messrs. CROW, VAN DREW, and Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Mses. ADAMS and TITUS changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

#### SETTING EVERY COMMUNITY UP FOR RETIREMENT ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2019

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 1(c) of rule XIX, further consideration of the bill (H.R. 1994) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage retirement savings, and for other purposes, will now resume.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

MOTION TO RECOMMIT

Mr. McHENRY. Madam Speaker, I have a motion to recommit at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is the gentleman opposed to the bill?

Mr. McHENRY. Yes, in its current form.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the motion to recommit.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. McHenry moves to recommit the bill H.R. 1994 to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with the following amendment:

Add at the end of title IV the following new section:

**SEC. 405. REPORTS BY TAXPAYERS ENGAGED IN BOYCOTTS, ETC. AFFECTING ISRAEL.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 999 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(g) BOYCOTTS, ETC. AFFECTING ISRAEL.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Any applicable person shall be treated as a person that has operations in a country which is on the list maintained by the Secretary under subsection (a)(3), and subsection (a)(1) shall apply by substituting ‘that such person is an applicable person’ for ‘such operations’.

“(2) APPLICABLE PERSON.—For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘applicable person’ means a person who knowingly engages in a commerce-related or investment-related boycott, divestment, or sanctions activity in the course of interstate or international commerce that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or otherwise limit commercial relations with Israel or persons doing business in Israel or Israeli-controlled territories for purposes of coercing political action by, or imposing policy positions on, the Government of Israel.

“(3) INTERNATIONAL BOYCOTT FACTOR.—For purposes of sections 908(a), 952(a)(3), and 995(b)(1)(F)(ii), the international boycott factor with respect to such person shall be 1 (and subsection (c)(2) shall not apply).”

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to transactions after the date of the enactment of this Act.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from North Carolina is recognized for 5 minutes in support of his motion.

Mr. MCHENRY. Madam Speaker, this is a final amendment to the bill. This amendment will not kill the bill or send it back to committee. If adopted, the bill will immediately proceed to final passage, as amended.

You know the drill on a motion to recommit. I stand here before the House today to get an affirmative vote that we stand together against the anti-Semitic notion of the BDS movement.

The BDS movement is an effort to weaponize the world's economy against one simple State, one State, the great State of Israel and the Jewish people. They are trying to weaponize our economy, our dollars, against our only ally in the Middle East that is a democracy.

This is an effort for us today—to say that we will stand against this movement. This movement is about anti-Zionism. Anti-Zionism is anti-Semitism.

Let us speak with one clear voice today that we as the American people will not stand for this economic warfare. We will stand with our ally, and we will stand with the Jewish people in the Israel State.

Why weaponize our economy against Israel? To destroy Israel, to choke off economic growth, to choke off eco-

nomic opportunity, and thereby weaken the State of Israel so they get rolled into the sea.

That is unacceptable. That is the notion of the BDS movement.

It may be polite in certain company to say you boycott, you divest, you sanction the State of Israel. It is not polite to say that you are anti-Semitic.

But what the BDS movement says is that you are anti-Semitic. What you say by supporting the BDS movement is that you are okay with discriminating against people because of their faith; you are okay discriminating against the Jewish people because you don't like—well, let me stop there.

This body has a long history of working together in a bipartisan fashion. I have worked for 3 years to hammer out a bipartisan approach to stopping the BDS movement. That got rolled into the bill that was passed in January in the Senate.

Seventy-seven Senators joined together and sent a bill over here to the House. We have waited 4 months, with no vote on that bill, and it is not because we don't have bipartisan support to stop the BDS movement. We do. We do.

In this Chamber, we have stood together in a bipartisan forum to stand against hate and to stand against anti-Semitism, but the leadership over there doesn't want us to have a vote on that bill.

So, today, we are saying let's have the vote. Let's stand up for the State of Israel. Let's stand against hate. Let's stand up against this anti-Zionism and the anti-Semitism that underlies it. Let's stand up for our Jewish friends and allies, and let's speak with one voice that the BDS movement is anti-Semitism.

Vote “yes” on this motion to recommit.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I claim time in opposition to the motion to recommit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Massachusetts is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, the gentleman really gave away his argument in the opening sentence, when he said: You know the drill on the MTR.

Yes, we know the drill on MTRs, how they are being used to heap scorn on complicated arguments, the demagogue arguments that should be taken up in a separate space.

But you know what else this is about? For those of us who came through the wards and precincts of American politics, there is a difference in politics between being cute and being clever. This is cute. This is not clever.

So let me just bring to your attention the following:

We have before us today the most important and substantive advance in retirement savings in the last 15 years in America. Understanding today that the

average Social Security benefit in America—“average,” meaning that half the American people who receive the benefit are below \$16,000. We have a chance to augment retirement savings and open up more opportunities for people to save for a retirement that we all know comes pretty quickly.

□ 1115

This has been well met in a bipartisan manner. It was marked up in the committee. And one Member said at the Rules Committee the other night: There is one sentence here, Mr. Chairman, over which we disagree.

Have we gotten to this point, in this institution, where now one sentence stops us from advancing good legislation? I certainly hope not.

There is another provision in this legislation, as we proceed to the Memorial Day recess, that ought to be critical in all of our minds. We fixed an egregious error in the tax bill. We have straightened out that issue, where families will not be taxed at the highest marginal rate of the parents, but, instead, we will recede to a previous provision that made sure that the survivors of those who were killed in military conflict would receive a benefit. That was important.

Let me just say to the new Members on our side: This is a safe provision. For years, I wore a bracelet for the refuseniks who wished from Russia to emigrate to Israel. There is no weakness on our part in support of the State of Israel on this side of the aisle.

You have a chance to stand up right now for retirement savings for those who have lost loved ones in military conflict, to stand up for Tribal interests, to stand up for those who receive scholarships, and to continue help for those families who are in financial distress because they lost a loved one in a military conflict.

Set aside the demagoguery, and turn down this motion to recommit.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the motion to recommit.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to recommit.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the yeas appeared to have it.

**RECORDED VOTE**

Mr. MCHENRY. Madam Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XX, the Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the minimum time for any electronic vote on the question of passage.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 200, noes 222, not voting 9, as follows:

[Roll No. 230]

## AYES—200

Abraham Gottheimer Palmer  
 Aderholt Granger Pence  
 Allen Graves (GA) Perry  
 Amodei Graves (LA) Posey  
 Arrington Graves (MO) Ratcliffe  
 Babin Green (TN) Reed  
 Bacon Griffith Reschenthaler  
 Baird Grothman Rice (SC)  
 Balderson Guest Rigglesman  
 Banks Guthrie Roby  
 Barr Hagedorn Rodgers (WA)  
 Bergman Harris Roe, David P.  
 Biggs Hartzler Rogers (AL)  
 Bilirakis Hern, Kevin Rogers (KY)  
 Bishop (UT) Hice (GA) Rooney (FL)  
 Bost Higgins (LA) Rose (NY)  
 Brady Hill (AR) Rose, John W.  
 Brindisi Holding Rouzer  
 Brooks (AL) Hollingsworth Roy  
 Brooks (IN) Horn, Kendra S. Rutherford  
 Buchanan Houlihan Scalise  
 Buck Hudson Schweikert  
 Bucshon Huizenga Scott, Austin  
 Budd Hunter Sensenbrenner  
 Burchett Hurd (TX) Shimkus  
 Burgess Johnson (OH) Simpson  
 Byrne Johnson (SD) Slotkin  
 Calvert Jordan Smith (MO)  
 Carter (GA) Joyce (OH) Smith (NE)  
 Carter (TX) Joyce (PA) Smith (NJ)  
 Chabot Katko Smucker  
 Cheney Kelly (MS) Spanberger  
 Cline Kelly (PA) Spano  
 Cloud King (IA) Stefanik  
 Cole King (NY) Steil  
 Collins (GA) Kustoff (TN) Steube  
 Collins (NY) LaHood Stewart  
 Comer LaMalfa Taylor  
 Conaway Lamborn Thompson (PA)  
 Cook Latta Thornberry  
 Crawford Lesko Timmons  
 Crenshaw Long Tipton  
 Cunningham Loudermilk Turner  
 Curtis Lucas Upton  
 Davidson (OH) Luetkemeyer Van Drew  
 Davis, Rodney Luria Wagner  
 DesJarlais Marchant Walberg  
 Diaz-Balart Marshall Walden  
 Duffy Mast Walker  
 Duncan McCarthy Walorski  
 Dunn McCaul Waltz  
 Emmer McClintock Watkins  
 Estes McHenry Weber (TX)  
 Ferguson McKinley Webster (FL)  
 Fitzpatrick Meadows Wenstrup  
 Fleischmann Meuser Westerman  
 Flores Miller Wild  
 Fortenberry Mitchell Williams  
 Foxx (NC) Moolenaar Wilson (SC)  
 Fulcher Mooney (WV) Wittman  
 Gaetz Moulton Womack  
 Gallagher Mullin Woodall  
 Gianforte Newhouse Wright  
 Gibbs Norman Yoho  
 Gohmert Nunes Yoh  
 Gonzalez (OH) Olson Young  
 Gooden Palazzo Zeldin

## NOES—222

Adams Castro (TX) DeLauro  
 Aguilar Chu, Judy DelBene  
 Allred Cicilline Delgado  
 Amash Cisneros Demings  
 Axne Clark (MA) DeSaulnier  
 Barragán Clarke (NY) Deutch  
 Bass Clay Dingell  
 Beatty Cleaver Doggett  
 Bera Clyburn Doyle, Michael  
 Beyer Cohen F.  
 Bishop (GA) Connolly Engel  
 Blumenauer Cooper Escobar  
 Blunt Rochester Correa Eshoo  
 Bonamici Costa Espallat  
 Boyle, Brendan Courtney Evans  
 F. Finkenauer  
 Brown (MD) Cox (CA) Fletcher  
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## NOT VOTING—9

Armstrong Jackson Lee Kinzinger  
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So the motion to recommit was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the bill.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 417, nays 3, not voting 11, as follows:

[Roll No. 231]

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## NOT VOTING—11

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So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO MAKE CORRECTIONS IN ENGROSSMENT OF H.R. 1994, SETTING EVERY COMMUNITY UP FOR RETIREMENT ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2019

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that in the engrossment of the bill, H.R. 1994, the Clerk be authorized to make technical corrections and conforming changes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Massachusetts?

There was no objection.

#### REQUEST TO CONSIDER H.R. 962, BORN-ALIVE ABORTION SURVIVORS PROTECTION ACT

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 962, the Born-Alive Survivors Protection Act, critical legislation protecting newborns from infanticide. This is the 50th time we have petitioned this Chamber, and I ask for this bill's immediate consideration in the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under guidelines consistently issued by successive Speakers, as recorded in section 956 of the House Rules and Manual, the Chair is constrained not to entertain the request unless it has been cleared by the bipartisan floor and committee leaderships.

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, if this unanimous consent cannot be entertained—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Missouri has not been recognized for debate.

#### HOUSE OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

Ms. ESCOBAR. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 11 a.m. tomorrow.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

#### HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROBERT EUGENE CHISOLM

(Ms. ESCOBAR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. ESCOBAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of an El Paso hero, Lieutenant Colonel Robert Eugene Chisolm, who was inducted yesterday into the 82nd Airborne Division's All American Hall of Fame.

Colonel Chisolm, known affectionately as Colonel Bob back home, is a true role model of service to our Nation.

A combat veteran of three wars, Colonel Chisolm has a storied past. He made a combat parachute jump into Normandy on D-day and another into Holland, where he would assume command of more than 80 men after higher ranked officers fell, earning him the only Legion of Merit awarded to a non-commissioned officer in World War II.

He sustained grave injuries during the Battle of the Bulge and went on to command a company in the 31st Infantry during the Korean conflict. He later led soldiers in the Joint U.S. Military Advisory Group in Thailand and as Chief of the War Games Branch at Fort Leavenworth.

The All American Hall of Fame at Fort Bragg preserves the legacy of service and the iconic contributions of the 82nd Airborne Division. It is fitting that this courageous, lifelong soldier be honored.

To Colonel Chisolm, whom I am so honored to know, we thank him for his incredible, courageous leadership and service, and I offer him my heartfelt congratulations.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ENDING OF SRI LANKA'S CIVIL WAR

(Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 10-year anniversary of the end of Sri Lanka's decades-long civil war, a conflict that is estimated to have left over 100,000 people dead.

Today, I wish I could also rise in celebration of a now-unified Sri Lanka, where war crimes for this bloody conflict had been accounted for and transitional justice had occurred; where land used by Sri Lanka's military had been fully returned to its citizens and the government was a true democracy, op-

erating with transparency and representative of all its people, regardless of ethnicity or religious beliefs. However, 10 years later, these essential rights have yet to be fully recognized.

Mr. Speaker, while it is true that the Sirisena government has made some progress towards fulfilling its commitments at the U.N. Human Rights Council, I rise to urge the Sri Lankan Government to make meaningful progress on all fronts to restore democratic principles for all Sri Lankans and ensure the country can move forward as a unified, prosperous nation.

#### IN CELEBRATION OF PEG MYRICK

(Ms. SPANBERGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SPANBERGER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to celebrate my friend, my constituent, and my role model, Peg Myrick. I celebrate Peg here on the floor of the House of Representatives because her life and her example is one I would like to share with you, my colleagues.

Peg began her career as a teacher, reaching kids, impacting lives, but on Halloween 2016, Peg was diagnosed with colorectal cancer. With a life-changing terminal diagnosis, Peg committed herself to continuing her role as an educator, now acting as an ambassador for Fight Colorectal Cancer and educating others on the importance of screenings and understanding this disease.

As she has battled for her life, she shares her exuberant positivity with everyone, and she demonstrates in her daily life what it is to live for the minute, what it is to show life and love to those around you—to her family, to her friends—and she demonstrates a lesson I think we should all learn from, which is that we are all in this together. Through her positivity and her friendship, she endeavors to lift up everyone around her.

#### 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF 19TH AMENDMENT PASSING HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

(Mr. RESCIENTHALER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. RESCIENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the 100th anniversary of the passing of the 19th Amendment in the U.S. House of Representatives.

One hundred years ago this week, right here on the House floor, Members began the process to recognize women's right to vote.

Pennsylvania, my home State, became the seventh State to ratify the Amendment, only 20 days after it passed the U.S. Senate.

One hundred years later, we honor the idea that our democracy works best when everyone participates.

One hundred years later, we recognize those who devoted their lives to

this worthy cause, such as Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Ida B. Wells.

We all have different perspectives, and by engaging with each other, we can develop the best policies to benefit all Americans and all freedom-loving people around the world.

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#### REMEMBERING MAMA LILA CABBIL

(Ms. TLAIB asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, earlier this month, community members came together to celebrate the life of Lila Cabbil, affectionately known as Mama Lila, or Ms. Cabbil, a dedicated and well-known activist and a member of our community.

With genuine respect for her legacy, we join with the community in celebrating Ms. Cabbil, remembering the impact she continues to have on so many people and hold her tight to her family. She will be sincerely missed and long remembered. Mama Lila lived to serve and advocate for a better quality of life for her community.

Born in North Carolina and raised in Detroit, Michigan, Mama Lila possessed a strong sense of justice and willingness to stand against injustices. She became involved with the civil rights movement and was a close friend of Rosa Parks.

Mama Lila soon became a prominent leader in the movement, becoming the president of the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self Development. She has been a tireless advocate for economic and social justice, as well as for food and water justice in the city of Detroit.

In addition, Mama Lila has served as an educator for younger generations, advocating for greater social awareness and sensitivity. She facilitated dialogue across cultures and built relationships in order to address systematic oppression and combat racism.

We offer our words of praise as a memorial for Mama Lila. May her family find comfort in their faith and their memories of this fine person and her distinguished life.

#### CONDEMNING ATTACK ON CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

(Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to address the latest action my colleagues from across the aisle have taken to blow up what was a perfectly good piece of legislation for the sake of scoring political points.

The SECURE Act was a great piece of legislation that would have allowed

Americans to expand the benefits of 529 education savings plans.

It would have also allowed students with disabilities to be able to use their 529 savings accounts to pay for critical therapy options outside of the traditional classroom. But Democrats struck this commonsense provision down before bringing the bill to the floor today.

How can my colleagues across the aisle justify limiting the resources that children with disabilities have at their disposal to grow and to thrive?

As a father of a child with disabilities, I know how difficult it is to allow disabled children to receive the services that they deserve and that they need. Having flexible payment mechanisms to enhance these opportunities to access therapies opens doors that are otherwise closed.

Mr. Speaker, I condemn my colleagues across the aisle for their attack on children with disabilities.

#### COMMEMORATING 19TH AMENDMENT CENTENNIAL

(Mr. HECK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HECK. Mr. Speaker, it was, indeed, 100 years ago in this very room that the House of Representatives passed the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution, granting women the right to vote.

The vote was here, but the work was out there, because the fact is the victory was due in no small part to the countless trailblazers who championed women suffrage throughout the decades.

Many of those trailblazers called home that which I call home: the Pacific Northwest. That included activists like Emma Smith DeVoe of Tacoma and Mary Arkwright Hutton of Spokane. It was because of their efforts that Washington State became the fifth State in the Union to enact women suffrage in 1910. These efforts built the momentum to pass and ratify the 19th Amendment nearly a decade later.

But the point is, as we celebrate this anniversary, let us not allow the progress we have made beget complacency; because the long, hard-fought battle for equality and representation spans generations and continues to this very day.

Let's continue to affirm those principles as we recognize and commemorate the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote.

#### REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF MIGUEL LORENZO HOLMES

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of

Mr. Miguel Lorenzo Holmes, who passed away at the age of 22 on May 6 while serving his country in Afghanistan.

The First Congressional District of Georgia was home for Mr. Holmes, but he was also stationed there as part of the 48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team in Savannah.

He was raised in Hinesville, in the First District, close to his grandparents, where he attended Bradwell High School. There, he entered the Fort Stewart Youth Challenge Academy, which inspired him to join the National Guard.

He passed away after being wounded in Nangarhar province of Afghanistan. This is a sobering reminder of the danger that soldiers face while working to make our country and world a better place to live.

I thank all who serve.

Mr. Holmes' family and friends will be in my thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time.

#### BENEFITS FOR ALL SERVICEMEMBERS

(Mr. PAPPAS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise on behalf of thousands of American heroes who may be unjustly denied the opportunity to serve the country they love.

Last month, the administration's discriminatory ban on transgender military service took effect, telling 15,000 Active-Duty servicemembers they don't belong in uniform. That is completely unacceptable.

And now these brave patriots are worried not just about the loss of a career that they love, but also about the loss of healthcare benefits they have earned through years of service and sacrifice.

That is why, yesterday, I was proud to introduce the SERVE Act. My legislation will enshrine into law a simple pledge to every veteran that they will receive the benefits they deserve no matter how they identify or whom they love.

Americans willing to lay down their lives for our country are entitled to honor and dignity. That is a basic promise we make to everyone who puts on the uniform, and we can never go back on that promise.

#### CONGRATULATING BLOOMINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 87

(Mr. LAHOOD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Bloomington Public School District 87, in Bloomington, Illinois, on being named the 2019 U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon School District and receiving a District Sustainability Award.

Bloomington Public School District 87 is one of only 14 schools across the country to receive this award, which recognizes schools and districts for their innovative efforts to provide a healthy, safe, sustainable, and efficient learning environment.

This past February, I had the opportunity to speak with Bloomington Junior High School students and faculty, which is reflected in this poster, to see firsthand the innovative work District 87 schools are doing to facilitate more resource-efficient schools.

Bloomington Public School District 87 continues to lead the way in Illinois. Their resource-efficient practices let teachers and administrators dedicate more resources to student instruction rather than operational costs.

Students deserve the opportunity to achieve their full potential in the classroom, and Bloomington Public School District 87 continues to give McLean County students that opportunity. I am grateful for their continued leadership and want to, once again, congratulate them on this prestigious honor.

#### SECURING RESTROOMS IN REFUGEE CAMPS

(Ms. MENG asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. MENG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in gratitude that my bill, H.R. 615, the Refugee Sanitation Facility Safety Act, unanimously passed the House. I thank my colleagues for their support.

I am especially grateful to Chairman ENGEL and Ranking Member MCCAUL for their leadership and support of this critical bill to ensure the protection of women and girls.

While refugee camps are intended to serve as a temporary refuge from war, refugees often find that they have been followed by the very violence rise and insecurity that caused them to flee their home countries in the first place. Women and girls, in particular, face high levels of sexual assaults, and the infrastructure of camps fail to protect against these already-vulnerable populations.

Refugee camps around the world don't provide safe and secure access to sanitary facilities, and those that exist are often mixed sex, public, and without locks or well-lit paths.

Many women and girls so fear using the bathroom at night that they develop urinary tract infections, are forced to relieve themselves in their tents, or are unable to change their clothes for weeks.

Refugee camps have failed to provide commonsense solutions to protect refugees from sexual assault in sanitation facilities. This legislation aims to fix that by requiring U.S. refugee funding to prioritize securing restrooms in refugee camps.

I now urge the Senate to take up this commonsense, but critical legislation.

#### HONORING THOSE WHO MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE ON MEMO- RIAL DAY

(Mr. GUEST asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, our Nation has been built on democratic ideas. Over the course of our Nation's history, these principles have been threatened by forces that do not share our ideas of democracy. Due to the heroic efforts of the men and women of our military, our Nation has stood against these threats.

Memorial Day is the time to honor these men and women who gave their lives in defense of our country and the blessings of liberty that we enjoy today. This Memorial Day, I hope that all will join me in remembering the soldiers who laid down their lives for this Nation and to celebrate the rights, liberties, and institutions that they preserved.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF CODE TALKER FLEMING BEGAYE, SR.

(Mr. O'HALLERAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. O'HALLERAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a selfless hero and warrior, Mr. Fleming Begaye, Sr., a Navajo code talker. He served our Nation during World War II and passed away last week in Chinle, Arizona.

He served with his fellow marines from 1943 to 1945 in the Battle of Tarawa and the Battle of Tinian, some of the bloodiest battles in the Pacific theater. He was wounded serving our Nation.

Mr. Begaye returned home and became a businessman and farmer in Chinle, where he raised his family.

We must never forget the service of these brave code talkers. They sacrificed so much for our Nation.

My prayers are with Mr. Begaye's family, and I know he has been reunited with his sweetheart, Helen.

#### CONDEMNING FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION

(Mr. PERRY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I stand in support of H. Res. 106, which condemns female genital mutilation, or cutting, as a violation of the human rights of women and girls and calls for a coordinated response from the United States Government and the international community to end this horrific and abhorrent practice.

I am proud of the bipartisan effort that has gone into this resolution, and I want to thank Representative LOIS FRANKEL from Florida for coleading this resolution with me, which gives us the opportunity to bring renewed at-

tention to the harm that FGM causes innocent girls and highlights the actions needed to eliminate this unspeakable act.

As the House considers this resolution, there are over 200 million women and girls alive today who have been affected by FGM. This year alone, an estimated 3 million girls are at risk of being mutilated. This despicable practice simply must end.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this effort to condemn and end FGM in the United States and across the globe. There is much more work that must be done to combat FGM, and I hope that we continue this bipartisan work.

#### CRIMES AGAINST UIGHUR POPULATION

(Ms. OMAR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak out against the horrifying crimes against humanity that China is currently committing against the Uighur population.

About a million Uighur Muslims have been detained in so-called reeducation camps in China. Reports from the camps are scarce, but they indicate that physical and psychological torture is taking place.

These are the precursors to genocide. We have the power to act.

According to reports in *The Atlantic*, 22 Uighur Muslims with no known anti-American sentiments were detained at Guantanamo in late 2001 and kept there for 12 years at the urging of the Chinese Government.

There are also known cases of Uighurs on the suspected terrorist watch list in the United States, and it is entirely possible they were added, unfairly, by the Chinese Government.

Reporting in *The Wall Street Journal* indicates that U.S. companies, including Coca-Cola, the Gap, and Kraft Heinz, are materially benefiting from the Uighur detention, and this must be investigated and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

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#### REMEMBERING VALERIE HORTENSTINE SHELDON

(Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Valerie Hortenstine Sheldon, a beloved community police officer who tragically passed away at the age of 39 in a traffic accident last week.

Valerie was the chief of police in Raymond, Illinois, a small, tight-knit community just a few miles from my hometown of Taylorville. She served as a law enforcement officer in three neighboring communities before coming to Raymond in 2007. She was named

police chief 9½ years ago by Raymond's mayor, who said she "fit the bill as the perfect small-town officer."

Those who worked with her said she was always willing to do what she could to help out the village. She oversaw the Neighborhood Watch Program in Raymond, and she was a Montgomery County emergency management volunteer as well as a member of the Montgomery County search and rescue team.

There was nothing more important to Valerie than the safety of her community. Like most law enforcement officers, Valerie loved every day of her job, and she loved serving the people of Raymond. She made a profound impact on so many, and I know she will be greatly missed.

My prayers are with her two sons, Jake and Isaac, her family, and the entire town of Raymond during this difficult time.

#### NET NEUTRALITY

(Mr. VAN DREW asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, the internet without net neutrality isn't really the internet. Net neutrality is the way the internet should always work.

Net neutrality is essential to everything we need in our society and in our democracy, from educational and economic opportunities to political organizing and dissent. Keeping the internet free and open for all Americans is essential to the success of our Nation.

Earlier this year, we passed the Save the Internet Act, which I voted for. I strongly believe in working in a bipartisan way to achieve and secure net neutrality to ensure Americans can thrive in the 21st century's information economy.

We must continue to work together to ensure that every American has unencumbered access to the internet in a free way, in an open way, in an honest way, and in an American way.

#### CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF GERALDINE "JERRY" EMMETT

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PHILLIPS). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. STANTON) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on the subject of this Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Arizona?

There was no objection.

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my fellow colleagues from

Arizona to celebrate the life of a phenomenal woman. Geraldine Emmett, "Jerry" to most of us, was 104 years old when she passed away on April 30, 2019.

Many Americans got the chance to see Jerry sparkle in 2016 at the Democratic National Convention, where she served as an honorary delegate and, along with Congressman GALLEGOS, proudly announced our State's votes for Hillary Rodham Clinton.

But her devotion to the democratic process started long before that. Part of what captured the attention of the rest of the country during the national convention is that Jerry symbolized just how far women in America had come. She was born before the 19th Amendment granted women the right to vote. She lived through the civil rights movement, the women's liberation movement, and the women's suffrage movement.

She brought a sign to the convention that read "Centenarian for Hillary," a reminder that you can be politically active at any age.

Jerry represented the best of our State. She graduated from Northern Arizona University, and in her first job she instructed children with disabilities and chronic illness on the Navajo Reservation.

She served as a public schoolteacher in Arizona for 43 years and actively promoted civic engagement and participation. She was a pillar in Democratic politics in Arizona for decades.

Each of us here today had a chance to witness Jerry's fierce passion up close. We wanted to take this opportunity to celebrate her life and contributions to our community.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. O'HALLERAN).

Mr. O'HALLERAN. Mr. Speaker, today, I join my colleagues to remember and honor a true patriot and someone I was honored to know and call a dear friend, Jerry Emmett.

Jerry lived a long, full life beyond reproach. She was dedicated to serving Arizona. She was a teacher for more than four decades. She was a passionate advocate for the rights of women and underrepresented groups. I mourned with our State when she passed away last month at the age of 104.

Jerry inspired people from every corner of Arizona and across the Nation, and that will be her lasting legacy.

I am in awe of what she has seen and what she has accomplished in her lifetime. She witnessed history unfold, from the suffrage movement to the nomination of the first female President candidate.

At the national convention, the world saw Jerry as we all in Arizona knew her, full of life and zeal, and she proudly represented Arizona for such a historic moment.

I will never forget the wisdom she shared with me over the years. She was truly an inspiration to all of us, and I never left her side without learning something important.

We come together today to mourn her passing but also to remember all she has done for our State. My prayers are with her family and with all the admirers and students she shaped and inspired over the years.

I will leave you all with a lesson she shared with her son Jim: No matter what is going on at the time, as long as you keep hope and you keep believing things will change and you are doing your best to help change, it will change.

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Arizona (Mrs. KIRKPATRICK).

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, no woman or person I have ever known has appreciated the right to vote quite like Jerry Emmett.

She was born at a time when being a woman meant being silenced. She was raised at a time when women had to fight to be heard and worked 10 times as hard to be taken seriously. She aged to see women become prominent and powerful, and she passed away the same year that we had the most women elected to Congress.

I remember well the first time I met Jerry Emmett. She was very close friends with the late Carolyn Warner, our former superintendent of schools. Jerry was always the teacher. I was a newly elected State legislator at a political event, and Jerry and Carolyn were there.

Carolyn Warner said: Do you have a card?

I said: Oh, I don't have them with me right now.

Jerry Emmett said: Always keep your cards in your pocket.

So, Jerry, this is for you.

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGOS).

Mr. GALLEGOS. Mr. Speaker, I know I speak for my colleagues when I say that we all loved Jerry. How could you not love Jerry?

Her spirit and unwavering optimism and her love for our State and our party made her the quintessential Arizonan. She lived to 104 years old, and she really lived. She lived in a way that set an example for all of us. She made every day count.

Her life spanned some of the momentous times in our Nation's history: the Great Depression, the fight for women's suffrage, World War II, and the civil rights movement.

In 1914, when Jerry was born, women did not have the right to vote. Who could have thought then that a century later Jerry would announce our State's delegates on the floor of the 2016 Democratic National Convention for the first major-party female Presidential nominee in our Nation's history. It was an honor to stand by her side that day, and it is a moment I will never forget.

In her 104 years, Jerry saw our State and our country through some tough times, but she never lost hope, she never lost optimism, and her commitment to bringing about the change she believed in never wavered.

Her son Jim recalled that her biggest lesson was: No matter what is going on at that time, as long as you keep hope, you keep believing things will change, and you are doing your best to help change, it will change.

Those words guided Jerry's life. Those words have inspired me and should inspire us all as we keep fighting for the things we believe in.

We will miss you, Jerry.

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the members of the Arizona delegation for those beautiful words about Jerry Emmett.

Now the rest of the country can see why she was such a treasure to those of us in Arizona and what an honor it was today to honor her life.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

#### OUR SINGULAR AMERICAN REVOLUTION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GOHMERT) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, it is wonderful to hear the great tributes to those who have served this country well, as we just heard. In fact, we have so many people to whom we should be eternally grateful.

As Abraham Lincoln said, they gave their last full measure of devotion for the freedom of this country, not for some wishy-washy government in Washington, D.C., that can't figure out what it should do or not do, but for the idea of freedom.

I heard more discussion again recently about the Revolution. I have read a few new books I hadn't read this year about the Revolution, the victory at Yorktown, and other aspects of the Revolution.

And, still, there are so many historians who wonder why there was such a dramatic difference between the outcome of the United States Revolution, 1775 to 1783, and the French Revolution which followed.

I think the historians have it right who have said that the key difference, the reason the U.S. Revolution lasted and was unlike the French, which resulted in so many heads being cut off and eventually resulted in a monarchy again, the key difference was that the U.S. Revolution was about liberty and freedom.

It wasn't about vengeance. They weren't out to cut off as many of the British heads as possible. It was about liberty. Unfortunately, too many in the French Revolution, not all, but too many in the French Revolution were about revenge and not about liberty.

So the great efforts of great heroes in France got hijacked. Many people lost their lives, and then they lost their effort to have a republican form of government, as we have had.

A lot of people don't understand the difference between democracy and a re-

public. I think it is fair to say, as most historians do, we have a democratic republic.

Democracy would mean the majority always rules, and our Founders realized that sometimes you can have too much passion and not enough time for clear reflection. You are better off, especially among a majority that really doesn't understand the total aspects and factors involved in a decision, selecting and electing representatives with majority votes, except for President.

We set up the electoral college so all States would have a say in who was President, not just the few that had the most people.

But all the other elections were about a majority—so a democracy—electing representatives to their governmental entities locally, State, and Federal. So, really, we have a democratic republic.

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It is interesting, as we saw this week, the Speaker of the House getting ready to go meet with a President of the United States from the other party, and he really wanted to talk about infrastructure and making this country stronger.

I think probably most everybody on both sides of the aisle has seen the surveys regarding the permanent structures, the infrastructure of this country that helps tie us together as a nation, and most of the scores are D-minus, D, D-plus at best. And that is about all you see.

We are better in some areas than we are in others, but whether it is dams, bridges, or highways, we have a lot of infrastructure needs. And that is something that I would hope that we could come together on and work out, as those who went before us were able to do.

We are told in Proverbs that, where there is no vision, the people perish. And it is interesting, when you see towns that had community leaders with visions who could see certain things needed to be done to have a vibrant community 10, 50, 100 years later, you saw how blessed that community was to have leaders with vision.

You go to some communities, and you find, gee, they haven't progressed very well. They seem to be eternally declining and holding on to what they have. Normally, you will find leaders in a community like that who have been spiteful, who didn't want somebody else to get credit for what was being done. And they prevented a community from flourishing for years into the future just because they were small-minded and had petty differences and didn't want somebody else to get the credit.

One of my heroes, Ronald Reagan, is often credited with the line that actually had been around for a great deal longer than President Reagan, but he used the line: It is amazing what you can get accomplished if you don't care

who gets the credit. And that has been true since the beginning here in Washington and, even before Washington became the capital, in Philadelphia and New York.

But the Speaker announced at a press event, before going over to the White House to talk about infrastructure, that the President of the United States had been engaged in a coverup. We weren't told a coverup of what. We were not told what was done to cover up.

"Coverup" is a very ingenious term to be using, almost as brilliant as the term "collusion," because neither the term "collusion" nor "coverup" are crimes. There is no law that says it is a crime to cover up. There is no crime that says it is a violation of the law to collude.

So words like that have been chosen and used and repeated over and over and over so that the public thinks, "Oh, my goodness, crimes have been committed. There was collusion. There was a coverup." Well, of what?

We now know that, after 2½ years of hearing about collusion with the Russian Government—and I am certainly no fan of Robert Mueller. He did more damage to the FBI than any FBI Director ever, including the worst of J. Edgar Hoover, when he was spying on Americans.

We had Mueller's FBI that took innocent people, destroyed their lives. In the case of the longest serving Senator, Republican Senator, at the time, he even saw to it that he was convicted immediately before his election, and then that cost him the election.

And then he was killed in a plane accident that he would never have been involved in if Mueller's FBI hadn't framed him for a crime he didn't commit and gotten him voted out of office right before or at his election. That was, of course, Senator Ted Stevens from Alaska.

And Dr. Hatfill, who Mueller accused of committing the crimes of murder using anthrax right after the 9/11 attacks. There was no evidence to support that Dr. Hatfill committed the crimes.

We are told that, at one point—though Mueller kept pursuing Hatfill and questioning his neighbors, telling the neighbors, through Mueller's minions, that Hatfill had committed murder with anthrax and they needed to be careful and report anything. They basically ruined the Hatfill family's lives.

But, at one point, President Bush is reported to have called him in and said: There is no evidence that Dr. Hatfill is the guy who did this. Are you sure? I mean, there is just no evidence. And Mueller stated: I am 100 percent certain.

So, when it turned out he was not the guy that had been involved with anthrax and should have been cleared—by anybody but Mueller—Mueller was asked if he had any regrets about destroying the life of an innocent man. He said, "Absolutely not," and never apologized.

Unfortunately, U.S. taxpayers paid millions of dollars in settlement for Mueller's vindictiveness with no evidence.

Curt Weldon stood right here at this podium making speech after speech in my freshman term. This was obviously well after 9/11. I didn't get here until 2005. But in 2005, 2006, he was talking about a program through which information had gotten to the FBI, and, according to Curt Weldon—Able Danger, I think, was the name of the program that had identified some radical Islamist terrorists, wannabes, and that they were planning an attack in the United States.

And according to Curt Weldon's speeches right here at this podium where I am standing, the FBI, if they acted, they probably could have prevented 9/11, but they didn't act.

And I kept thinking: I don't know if what he is saying is true. I was not familiar with the Able Danger program at that time. But what I kept thinking was: Gosh, these are really serious allegations about the leadership of the FBI. Surely Mueller is going to have to come out and address these allegations from Congressman Curt Weldon of Pennsylvania. And the FBI never publicly addressed those issues, not that I have been able to find.

But they did address them. Mueller's FBI, in fact, raided Weldon's adult daughter, a lawyer, her office, early in the morning. And, gee, somebody in the FBI committed a crime, apparently, and leaked it to the media so they could be there when the warrant was run early in the morning. And somebody alerted Democratic operatives. They had signs that morning around the office talking about, you know, Curt Weldon is caught red-handed, he is a thief, alleging all kinds of crimes.

It turns out he hadn't committed any crimes. It turns out, some months later, they notified the Weldon family they could come get all the stuff that Mueller's FBI had collected during the raid. They were told: It has never been presented to a grand jury. We just did the raid. No prosecution, no grand jury, no indictment.

But since they did that 2 weeks before his election, he narrowly lost that election.

So it appeared to me pretty clear that Mueller's way of responding to allegations that his FBI—and, in fairness to him, he hadn't been there that long before 9/11, so he had plausible deniability: "Gee, I just got there. I didn't know about Able Danger at the time." But, instead, what he chose to do was have his FBI affect an election adversely, causing a critic to lose.

So these are all part of Robert Mueller's background.

But even as much as he wanted to ruin Donald J. Trump, later President Trump, the guy that he begged for a second appointment as Director of the FBI, just shortly after he was begging Trump for appointment to Director of

the FBI again and President Trump turned him down, he jumped at the chance to investigate and try to destroy the life of the sitting President who refused to hire him. And he spent 2 years, virtually 2 years, on it. I have seen \$25 million, \$35 million that Mueller spent.

Mueller took the unusual step of hiring people to assist him in the Special Counsel's Office who hated Donald Trump. Normally, when there has been a special counsel of integrity, they know they are going to be vilified, so they are careful to hire people that appear will be even-handed.

I can't imagine any person of integrity actually hiring people who contributed to the opponent of the person to be investigated, who would go to what they hoped would be her victory party, who despised the man who got elected. It is surprising he would go out of his way to make sure that he hired people that hated President Trump, whom they were supposed to investigate.

But here again, the one good thing that I can say about Robert Mueller is—and he apparently served honorably and well in Vietnam, so I thank him for that service—the guy is consistent. When he decides he wants to destroy an innocent man, he gets after it.

Weissmann hated President Trump. These other folks that hated Trump, some of them still work at the FBI. Many of them have been fired and run out of the FBI or DOJ in shame. They should have had more than that happen, and hopefully they will.

But there was no crime committed. His report indicates that there were efforts by Russians to reach out and try to pull the Trump campaign into some type of conspiracy, but nobody in the Trump campaign took the opportunity that was presented by Russia, and there was no crime of conspiracy with Russians.

And then, as we go along, the more we find out, we find out that, actually, it is a whole lot worse than Mueller indicated. Mueller indicated no collusion, no conspiracy, no crime that anybody in the Trump campaign committed with Russian agents. But if Mueller had been the man of integrity that I would have hoped, he would have investigated those who did conspire with Russian agents.

Because, now, the information is coming out that the Clinton campaign had hired Fusion GPS. Perkins Coie law firm was helping them negotiate and work through some of these things, using their firm's name in the conspiracy—it sure seems like a conspiracy to me—as they hired a now-disgraced foreign agent who had worked for MI6, Christopher Steele, to do digging to try to find some tie between the Trump campaign and Russia, any kind of dirt they could get.

□ 1230

They tried to lure Don Trump, Jr., into some kind of deal. They said, gee,

there is a Russian person who has all kinds of negative information about Hillary Clinton.

He agreed to meet and found right away that this is not what it was represented to be and got out of the meeting as quickly as he could.

Here again, Christopher Steele was hired, apparently through Fusion GPS, to dig up dirt, true or not true, about Donald Trump. Fusion GPS hired this foreign, disgraced intelligence agent to do digging, using Russian agents.

Fusion GPS also hired the spouse of one of the top FBI people, Bruce Ohr. That was his wife, Nellie. She was hired to dig up dirt, anything she could in Russia about Trump.

I didn't realize until more recently that Christopher Steele was not even traveling to Russia to dig up this dirt. He was simply contacting people in Russia, trying to find somebody who had some dirt on Donald Trump.

Apparently, he has now recently indicated: You know what? I guess there is a good chance that the people I was talking to in Russia who gave the false information about Donald Trump, yeah, they may have been working for Vladimir Putin.

It appears the evidence is now starting to come out, no thanks to Robert Mueller and the tens of millions of dollars he wasted, the years that he wasted. The truth is starting to come out, and it is making people who are in positions of power very uncomfortable.

We have heard Clapper and Brennan making really inappropriate statements for somebody who had been involved in our intelligence-gathering agencies. But it is appearing that it was probably Brennan—we will be finding out in the days ahead—who may have asked England's intelligence agencies to spy on American citizens involved with the Trump campaign because our intelligence community is not authorized to spy on American citizens. So there may be a wink and a nod.

We need to get to the bottom of whether our intelligence community winks and nods, and says: Hey, we want to spy on our own citizens, but we are not allowed to legally. So how about you spy on these citizens, and we will spy on some for you in our country?

We need to know if that kind of thing has really gone on. If it has gone on, if there is a quid pro quo, we need to know. We need to know if some of our top intelligence officials have committed crimes. This is serious stuff.

It turns out there was no collusion, no conspiracy between anybody in the Trump campaign and Vladimir Putin or Russia. But it is appearing more and more that there was a conspiracy between people associated with the Clinton campaign, Fusion GPS, Perkins Coie, Christopher Steele, potential agents of Vladimir Putin, to try to destroy Donald Trump before the election and after the election.

We expect to see more coming out as some of the information that was classified is declassified. It appears now we



are hearing, and we heard previously, that an Australian Ambassador had spoken to a member of the Trump campaign, just tangentially part of the campaign.

But what we have found out now is, apparently, the Australian Ambassador was manipulated through the Democratic effort to defeat Donald Trump, recruited to tell a tangential member of the Trump campaign that the Russians had Hillary Clinton's emails.

Then they set that same Trump marginal official up by asking him questions: Have you heard anything about Russia having information on Hillary?

He said: Well, yes. I heard that Russians had Hillary Clinton's emails.

Then they used that information to help them get a warrant to spy on the Trump campaign. It was a total setup by potentially our intelligence community, potentially British MI6.

We have to get to the bottom of this. People who have committed crimes need to go to prison.

In the meantime, there is all this animosity that has been stirred up against Donald Trump. Now we find out there was nothing to the collusion. He knew that he had not committed any kind of conspiracy with Russia. He knew that this was all bogus. He was hearing rumors that if there was a conspiracy, it involved the other campaign.

What do you do? How do you act? I would submit, you act exactly as President Trump has acted, frustrated. He can't believe that his own United States Government is trying to set him up and say that he committed some crime that he never committed. He can't obstruct justice when he is doing everything he possibly can to ensure that justice gets done.

That is where we have been. We heard the roadblocks, the things that, oh gee, there was collusion. When that didn't materialize, then: Well, there is a coverup.

No allegations other than just the general term "coverup."

Clearly, efforts are being made in this city to prevent President Trump from being successful in getting legislation through this House and through the Senate that could become law and help the country.

Even on issues of securing our border, President Obama talked about the need to secure the border and stop illegal immigration. Senator Clinton had talked about the need to stop illegal immigration and secure the border. Most of the leaders on both sides of the aisle have talked about that at some point.

Why don't we do it? Well, he would get credit for keeping a campaign promise, and apparently, it is more important to stop the President from keeping campaign promises than it is important to some to help the country.

What it reminded me of, as I thought back—and I have been here 14 years. Never expected to be here this long. I feel like I am kind of going to a scary

movie. Get into it and I am sorry I went, but I can't leave until I see how it turns out. I want to make sure that we get on a proper footing here.

I know in the 14 years that I have been here, I have not seen either party work so hard to prevent the other party's President from being successful.

As I majored in history, I have never stopped studying history. American history is my favorite. I have tried to think back, okay, when was the last time, if there ever was a time before, when one party worked so hard to prevent another party's President from being successful and helping the country?

I think it probably goes back to John Quincy Adams' days. John Quincy Adams, he was the first son of a former President to be elected President, and he did not get a majority of the vote. It ended up that he didn't get a majority of the electoral college.

It was thrown here to the House of Representatives to decide, under the Constitution. Henry Clay, so beloved and respected here in the House of Representatives, he decided to throw his support to John Quincy Adams.

I have studied John Quincy Adams, read a very thorough biography. I liked it. I chose it because it incorporated more of John Quincy Adams' own journal, where they kept calling him JQA. John Quincy Adams, apparently, kept more of a journal than any President we have ever had. He started very young, and he went until the last few weeks of his life when he could no longer see to write.

I didn't know until I read that, for example, that his last night at home before he came to the House floor to give a speech against the war with Mexico, because he was concerned that that would perpetuate slavery longer, that the reason he had run for the House of Representatives after being President was to try to do what William Wilberforce had done in England, and that is to use his elected position to fight to end slavery.

Wilberforce got it totally outlawed 3 days before he died in 1833. In 1830, that is what Adams thought he was supposed to do. That is why he ran for Congress.

The night before, he had a massive stroke. The next day, when he tried to stand up and speak against war with Mexico, he couldn't see.

He couldn't sleep, and he asked his precious wife if she would mind reading him any of William Wilberforce's sermons. She chose one. She read it for him, and he finally dozed, listening to William Wilberforce's sermon the last night he slept at home, before he had his massive stroke on the House floor here in the Capitol.

In 1824, John Quincy Adams was still a man of integrity. He was always a man of integrity. Some feel like it is possible that he was the smartest President we have ever had. Certainly, he was one of the top-educated Presidents we have ever had. He spoke a number of languages.

One thing he had in common with our current President, he is the only other President to have had a wife who was not born in America. Much like President Trump's wife, John Quincy Adams' wife spoke multiple languages, very fluent. She herself was brilliant. So we share that with the current First Lady.

John Quincy Adams even wrote some history books in German. His favorite foreign language was French. He was an amazing guy.

He knew he was a man of integrity, and when studying his life, you figure out that he was a man of integrity.

He asked Henry Clay for his support. Henry Clay threw his support behind John Quincy Adams for President. That got him the votes in the House to win the Presidency.

When it came time to pick Cabinet members, President-elect Adams said that he believed the person who would make the best Secretary of State would be Henry Clay.

Those people who were close to him, who loved him, said, yes, he was right, that Henry Clay would make a fabulous Secretary of State, but that if he appoints Henry Clay to be Secretary of State, it will look like he cut a deal with Clay in return for his support for him for President, which gave him the election. If he agreed to make him Secretary of State, people would think he made an illegal deal.

□ 1245

He said: He is the best person for the job. I didn't make any kind of deal with him. He threw his support behind me. I never mentioned Secretary of State to him. I never mentioned making him a Cabinet official, but I think the world of the man. I think he would be the best Secretary of State. People know I am a man of integrity. I wouldn't do an illegal deal to be elected President, so they just need to get over it. He is the best man. I am going to appoint the best man to be Secretary of State. People who know me will know that I never made a deal, promised him Secretary of State in return for throwing his House support behind me. That is just a lie, and I am not going to be prevented from appointing the best man for Secretary of State by my fear about what somebody might think.

So he appointed Henry Clay to be Secretary of State, and people got really upset: There must have been a deal. He must have cut a deal with Henry Clay. In return for Henry Clay's support that won him the Presidency, Henry Clay gets to be Secretary of State.

Apparently, there was no deal, but people thought there was. People felt like: This looks terrible. It looks like he made a deal. He must have made a deal. We know Adams is an honest guy, and so if he made a deal with Clay, he surely would have kept his end of the deal.

There was no deal, but there were so many in the opposition party who were

mad about it, they just decided they were not going to let John Quincy Adams accomplish anything as President.

He was elected in 1824, sworn in, in 1825. His term was 1825 to 1829. He was defeated by Andrew Jackson and defeated fairly easily because people thought he had cheated to win by making a deal he didn't make with Henry Clay.

During those 4 years—anyone can do the research—he couldn't get much of anything done. There were even cases of Members of this House who were of the opposition party, the Democratic Party, there were Democrats who had actually written and sponsored bills they desperately wanted to get passed. When John Quincy Adams threw his support behind the bills because he thought they were a good idea, the person who wrote the bill, sponsored the bill, withdrew his support. He did not want John Quincy Adams to get credit for passing some important bill.

He had some great ideas. He wanted a national observatory. He felt like it would be good to have a uniform system of weights and measurements. That had not happened. He wanted to create a naval academy for the country. He wanted to have a code, a systemized national bankruptcy law.

Bankruptcy is mentioned in the Constitution. There were finally some laws passed before he was President, but it wasn't a uniform national bankruptcy law as it needed to be.

He had some great ideas, but they weren't passed because people did not want him to get credit. They were willing to hurt the country to prevent John Quincy Adams from having a great victory.

That is what went through my mind. Somebody may be able to find a case in which one party did everything it could to prevent a President from having any big successes.

It is a little late. President Trump got a great tax bill. It wasn't as good as I had hoped it would be, but it was helpful to the country overall. He got that passed, signed into law.

Hopefully, we are going to vote on the Mexico-Canada trade agreement. It is better than NAFTA was. Hopefully, we will get that done, and we won't keep harming the country by failing to bring that for a vote.

For Adams, there was a tariff that was passed. That was about the biggest piece of legislation passed during his 4 years, but it didn't even get enacted until Andrew Jackson took over as President.

So Adams, a man of integrity, was accused of making an illegal deal with Henry Clay to get himself elected President. The country suffered for 4 years. Those who despised John Quincy Adams, they were able to hurt the country for 4 years just to keep John Quincy Adams from having a major victory.

It is important to learn from history. As we know from the old adage, those

who refuse to learn from history are destined to repeat it. Of course, I also grew up learning there is a corollary to that, that those who do learn from history will find new ways to screw up. We have seen both of those play out in this country.

I am hoping it will come together, and we will be able to pass some of the critical legislation to secure our border and to get some infrastructure built so we don't give a country to our children and grandchildren that has infrastructure crumbling and with so much debt that they can't afford to rebuild the infrastructure. We already know that we are the first generation in American history that didn't have as our driving goal to give a country to our children better than we had it.

The debts continue to skyrocket, over \$23 trillion now. We really need to come together on these important issues.

With regard to the President's effort to try to secure the border, I continue to believe with all my heart, the most compassionate, caring thing we could do for the people of Mexico—and I was talking to the Ambassador from Guatemala yesterday. I sure like him. Guatemala, of course, was the only country to immediately recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, as it was 3,000 years ago, and should be and is today, and will be for the future. Guatemala had the courage to back us up on that.

Apparently, MS-13ers come mainly from El Salvador, but Guatemala wants to help. We ought to help Guatemala to help us. I hope that will be occurring.

If we really want to be compassionate for the people of Mexico and Central America, the best thing we could do is secure the border, cut off the tens of billions of dollars every year, maybe into the hundred-plus billion, that go to the drug cartels. It funds corruption in Mexico. It is the one thing that keeps Mexico from being one of the very top economies in the world.

They have fantastic natural resources. They have a better location geographically than the United States does. They are between North America and South America. They are between two oceans. They have a great location. They have some of the most hard-working people in the world.

I also am thrilled that the huge majority have faith in God. I think we could stand another boost of people who have faith in God, a devotion to family, a hard work ethic like we generally find among the huge majority of Hispanic people from Mexico and Central America. We could afford more of that here, but we have to enforce the law.

If we secure the border, Mexico ought to be able to put down the drug cartel corruption and become a top economy. Then you won't have people doing everything they can, risking their lives, having their daughters raped repeatedly coming up here from Mexico or

through Mexico to the United States. We can go back to having the kind of vibrant tourism that we once had in support of Mexico.

But there are efforts that are being undertaken here in the House by friends across the aisle who do not want Donald Trump to have success in helping the United States, and, really, it would greatly help Mexico.

What is the result? Well, here is a story from May 21, Washington Times, Steven Dinan: ICE says Prince George's County released illegal murder suspects.

The story says: "Two teens arrested last week on charges stemming from a horrific killing in Maryland were supposed to be deported last year, but local authorities didn't turn them over to ICE, the immigration agency said Tuesday.

"Prosecutors say the teens, Josue Rafael Fuentes-Ponce, 16, and Joel Ernesto Escobar, 17—suspected of being MS-13 gang members—feared they would be ratted out for an April robbery, so they and an accomplice snuffed out a 14-year-old suspected snitch. They made her strip before beating her with a baseball bat and chopping her with a machete. The girl's body was found in a creek this month."

This is in Prince George's County.

"U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, in a pointed statement Tuesday, said the crime could have been averted"—could have been completely prevented—"but for Prince George's County's sanctuary city policy."

That is what stopped it, or it is what kept our ICE agents from preventing the baseball bat and machete mutilation of this 14-year-old girl.

"Mr. Fuentes-Ponce and Mr. Escobar were in county custody last year on attempted murder charges for another crime. ICE placed a detainer on them, asking to be notified when they would be released so agents could deport them. ICE said the Prince George's County Department of Corrections defied the request.

"These individuals had demonstrated violent criminal behavior before, and because they were released in spite of the lawful detainer, they were afforded an opportunity to take a life."

And not just take a life. They beat her, stripped her, beat her with a baseball bat and then chopped her up with a machete.

Thank you very much, Prince George's County, for your sanctuary city. No telling how many people will have to lose their lives while you defy Federal law.

This article says: "ICE has placed new detainers for both teens after the murder charges. Prince George's corrections spokesman Andrew Cephas said the agency didn't release the teens into the community. He said the Corrections Department did have custody last year but remanded the teens to

Cheltenham Youth Detention Center, a State facility, after a judge's ruling.

"Neither of these individuals were released to the public from Prince George's County Department of Corrections. They remained detained in the juvenile facility until the disposition of their cases earlier this year."

Yeah, right. The cases were disposed of, a little slap on the wrist for their attempted murders. But this says the county department does inform ICE—or the Prince George's County spokesman said they inform ICE about upcoming releases but did not provide notification in this case.

"ICE says the county should have given notification of any transfer out of custody so the agency could lodge a detainer with the new prison or jail."

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"Under a 2014 Department of Corrections policy, county jails say they will notify ICE of impending releases but won't hold the migrants for pickup unless ICE has a signed warrant from a judge.

"Mark Krikorian, executive director of the Center for Immigration Studies, which advocates for stricter immigration controls, said the teens are at the center of several raging immigration debates.

"Mr. Fuentes-Ponce came to the U.S. in late 2015 as part of the surge of families from Central America who have overwhelmed the border in recent years.

"Under the Obama administration, the family was paroled into the U.S. to await its immigration case. Like many other families, Mr. Fuentes-Ponce didn't appear for his hearing and was ordered deported in absentia, ICE said.

"Mr. Escobar, meanwhile, entered the U.S. in 2016 as an unaccompanied alien child, the other major demographic in the border surge."

That is one of the things we debated for hours and hours yesterday in our Judiciary Committee. The committee's majority wants to have even more widespread amnesty than DACA, which President Obama had said 20-something times it would be unconstitutional for him to do what he ultimately did creating the DACA program. He didn't even sign executive orders, I understand. He had the Secretary of Homeland Security do a couple of memos.

So he changed Federal law without the bill being passed by the House and Senate, without signing it into law. He didn't even sign an executive order. He just had a couple of memos that changed the policy.

"Mr. Krikorian wondered whether the killing of the 14-year-old girl would receive as much attention as the death of an illegal immigrant teen in Border Patrol custody this week."

There was a teen who died from an apparent flu.

"That case prompted reporters to question Mr. Trump about what steps he would take.

"The antiborder activists are quick to blame the Border Patrol for deaths

that are out of their control, but rationalizes the crimes committed by people who would be removed if the law were enforced. There really is a double standard here."

"The D.C. area has long had a large Central American population, making it one of the top destinations for families and unaccompanied alien children involved in the surge. Prince George's, Fairfax, and Montgomery Counties are among the top 10 locations.

"More than 5,660 unaccompanied alien children have been placed with sponsors in Prince George's County over the past 5 years, topping Fairfax at about 5,200 and Montgomery at about 4,300.

"The unaccompanied alien children have strained schools and, security experts say, created a breeding ground for gang recruitment.

"Most of the Central Americans coming across the border are not criminals, but gangs have used this flow of people across the border to bring their members into the U.S., and others who weren't gang members in Central America have become gang members here," Mr. Krikorian said."

So it would really help if we could come together, if the President wouldn't have to be building the wall without any help from a Democrat-controlled House.

It is a shame they want to do all they can to try to prevent the President from protecting the country, but we ought to learn a lesson from the damage that was done between 1825 and 1829 during the Presidency of John Quincy Adams, and we ought to come together, get the border secure.

Let's not have any amnesties until the border is secure, then we can talk about them, debate them. But every time we talk about amnesty—I got a picture this week from a friend on the border, a 6-year-old and an 8-year-old, unaccompanied children, yet we are told: Oh, no. We are doing this DACA amnesty because the children were brought into the United States by their parents, and so these children were drug into the United States without their choice, and so we need to give them legal status.

And yet you have got a 6-year-old and an 8-year-old that are coming in, as my friend across the aisle said yesterday: Well, they don't come in without help. She is right. The parents weren't with them. The parents weren't with them, forcing them.

We also have been hearing that, since there is so much fuss made about allowing people to stay that had children with them, the children have now become a negotiable commodity. I have been there when children were passed back and forth between different adults—you know, who is going to claim these kids—and they are waiting for the border patrolmen to get down to them so they can answer the questions.

But the drug cartels have figured out, the gangs have figured out—gangs

are often paid to bring people in illegally, and the gangs get paid by the drug cartels because, as we know, every inch of the border of the United States is controlled by some drug cartel.

So the gangs make money, the drug cartels make money by bringing people in. And since they have learned they have a better chance of staying in if they bring somebody's kid with them, then more kids are coming in now.

But it is interesting. I am wondering how the debates will go when we say, well, here is a person we want to give amnesty to because their parents dragged them into America, even though there were no parents with them. Well, so the gangs brought them in.

Anybody in the drug cartel brings in a child, that means we are supposed to give them amnesty?

At some point, we have got to secure the border. It is the most compassionate thing we can do. Mexico will become a great economy in the world, one of the top, and the wonderful people of Mexico, Central America will have a better standard of living. Heck, you might have United States citizens thinking maybe they would like to go work in a vibrant economy in Mexico if and when we can help stop the drug cartels with all the money that they have got coming in.

Mr. Speaker, may I ask how much time I have left.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Texas has 3 minutes remaining.

Mr. GOHMERT. Since we are going into Memorial Day weekend, I am thrilled Sergeant Derrick Miller has been released. I testified at two different hearings for him. I am thrilled he is released. He shouldn't have been incarcerated.

Lieutenant Clint Lorange, hopefully that can be brought to an end and he can be released like American Taliban John Walker Lindh was.

But I want to finish by mentioning Ross McGinnis. I promised his father, Tom, I would never forget him, and I haven't.

Ross was 19 when he was in Iraq. Ross loved the Army. Ross finished high school in Knox, Pennsylvania, joined the Army. He loved it, and his platoon sergeant said everybody loved Ross. Ross helped energize people.

Ross was a machine gunner up in the turret of a Humvee going through a village in Iraq. A grenade was projected into the bed of the Humvee, and Ross was the only one in a position to jump out and save himself. He yelled, "Grenade." Ross saw the four people in the bed crouch. Ross knew they were going to die, so Ross jumped down, covered the grenade, and saved four people's lives.

I went to Ross' funeral, his graveside in Arlington Cemetery, because two of the four people Ross saved were my constituents.

Ross' sergeant and the two others who made it back from Iraq for the funeral came up after the ceremony,

knelt before Ross' remains, put their hands on Ross' remains, and as they told me, they thank God for Ross McGinnis, and they thank Ross for saving their lives.

We should thank God for all of those who have served and protected us and thank the families of those that lost a loved one protecting us.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

#### STATEHOOD FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) for 30 minutes.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, the House will not be in session next Monday, Memorial Day. That day has very special meaning for the 700,000 residents in the Nation's Capital.

The District of Columbia is one of the oldest jurisdictions in the United States. That means that residents of the Nation's Capital have fought and died in every war, including the war that created the United States of America: the Revolutionary War.

I have come to the House floor today to particularly recognize, on Memorial Day coming, the denial of full participation in their government through statehood, not only to the District of Columbia's residents, but to our present Active-Duty servicemembers, our National Guard members, our reservists, our many veterans and their families who are residents of the District of Columbia.

Their service and sacrifice, along with that of Americans across the breadth of this land, but especially their sacrifice, is unparalleled and, therefore, deserves special mention: unparalleled because those who served, those who died, those who continue to serve to protect our country do so without full and equal rights in their own country.

Later, I will be speaking about what their sacrifices have meant to our country, but as I come to the floor, I start by paying special tribute to the sacrifices that the residents of the Nation's Capital have made for 218 years.

I will be going, this coming week, with the Mayor of the District of Columbia, with the city council chair, with the entire government, to what is called the D.C. War Memorial. This pristine, beautiful memorial is dedicated to those who lost their lives in World War I.

It is the only memorial—indeed, it is the only edifice—on The Mall that is dedicated to people in one district, and for very good reason: because that district is our Nation's Capital; because those whose names appear on that memorial—I think there are 400- or so names—died without full representation and died giving that kind of representation, the kind of democracy, the kind of democracy that others have.

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Our country, of course, prides itself on its democratic traditions, but we must remember that the country was founded seeking democracy, not as a democracy.

When it was founded, only White men who held property could vote. That means that the majority then could not vote and did not have their democratic rights. So we have to, with some humility, approach our own standing as a democracy. May I remind us all today that it took 132 years after the Nation's founding for women to get the right to vote.

When half the population didn't have the right to vote, I am sure Members came to this House floor saying what a wonderful democracy it was. Well, it wasn't.

What is important about our country is our aspiration to become the democracy that the Framers themselves hoped we would come—they hoped we would become because even they had created a constitution where an African American was counted as three-fifths of a man. That was a compromise.

They created this country knowing, believing, that those of us who sit in this House, in the Senate, and Americans throughout the country would make our democracy a real democracy over time.

It has taken 218 years, and still counting, for the District of Columbia and its residents to achieve statehood, including voting rights and all the rights that come with equal citizenship.

We are the only democracy in the world where the residents who live in the Nation's Capital don't have the same rights as everyone else in that country.

I am not pessimistic today. We are just 5 months into the new Congress, and we are already beginning to break ground with those old traditions.

In March, the House passed H.R. 1, as we call it. That is our all-democracy, prodemocracy bill, still trying to achieve full democracy throughout the United States. I will say a bit about H.R. 1 shortly.

It has findings, extensive findings for D.C. statehood, which means, since it passed by more than a majority, that most Members of the House are already on track and on the Record for D.C. statehood.

I am grateful that Speaker NANCY PELOSI 3 days into the new term issued a very powerful statement, the head of the House, endorsing statehood.

I am grateful to Senate Minority Leader CHUCK SCHUMER, who unveiled a sweeping proposal to bring democracy to our country. His proposal is interesting because it included only three issues: combating voter disenfranchisement through the Voting Rights Act, establishing national automatic voter registration laws; and the third one, support of D.C. statehood.

I think that says a great deal about what the priority of bringing full de-

mocracy to the Nation's Capital means to the Nation.

I am grateful to Chairman ELIJAH CUMMINGS, the chairman of the House Committee on Oversight and Reform, who has announced that he will hold a hearing on D.C. statehood and will bring the bill to the floor this year.

It is worth hearing a few words from Speaker PELOSI, to show the commitment of our party to full democracy.

The Speaker said: "The right to vote and to equal representation is the foundation of our freedom and a core pillar of our democracy. For too long, the residents of the District of Columbia have served our Nation in uniform, paid taxes, and contributed to the economic power and success of our country while being denied the full enfranchisement that is their right."

I am encouraged today because while it takes 218 votes to pass the D.C. statehood bill, already 5 months into this new majority, we have 204 cosponsors. We are very grateful and very proud of that very strong showing of support for democracy in the Nation's Capital.

To elaborate a bit on the significance of being in H.R. 1, which documented findings for why the District of Columbia should have statehood, to put that in context, just look at the other matters that were in this enhancing democracy bill, because they didn't have anything to do with D.C. statehood.

And yet, D.C. statehood is in this enhancing democracy bill, which includes such matters as supporting the adoption of paper ballots to protect our election infrastructure from cyberattacks, increasing donor disclosure requirements, strengthening campaign oversight, expanding early voting and voting by mail, ending partisan gerrymandering, requiring all Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates to publicly disclose their tax returns—until this President. For decades, others have, of course.

You can see those issues are about enhancing democracy in the larger sense. It says everything about the priority of this Congress that H.R. 1 also includes making sure that the residents of the Nation's Capital have the same and, indeed, equal rights with other Americans.

We are well on our way to nationalizing the fight to D.C. statehood, nationalizing, because my one frustration, that we have faced and continue to face, that most residents, most Americans, think that those who live in their Nation's Capital have the same rights they have. That is what I mean by the need to nationalize this important issue.

What polls show is that it is inconceivable to the average American that there would be any Americans who don't have the same rights that they have. Of course, that is the case.

That is why, periodically, I come to the floor to make sure and remind the House of this anomaly, that we are the only country that does not give those

who live in its capital the same rights as others in their country.

I am heartened by the many national organizations that, as I speak, have come on to endorse statehood for the District of Columbia.

As I was, literally, coming to the House floor, a staff member rushed behind me to add another one. It is up to 20.

I will bet by the time I get back to my office in the Rayburn Building, the number will be even beyond 20 because they have been coming on ever since we put out the word. They represent millions of people and can help Americans to know what they do not know.

These are the national organizations that by the time I came to the House floor had endorsed D.C. statehood: Common Cause, Public Citizen, National Active and Retired Employees Association, Sierra Club, People For the American Way, International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, Planned Parenthood, Demand Justice, Indivisible, Americans for Democratic Action, Demos, NORML, NETWORK, Stand Up America, Demand Progress, United Food and Commercial Workers, Democratic Coalition, National LGBTQ Task Force Action Fund, and Human Rights Campaign.

These are organizations whose numbers go into the many millions that can help us by making sure Americans know what many would be ashamed to find out, that they live in a country where people who live in their Nation's Capital don't have the same rights they have.

What a diverse city this is, about half Black, half White, many high-income people—yes, its share of poor people like every city—top 10 in economic growth, bursting at the seams with more people moving in every day, the kind of National Capital Americans have every right to be proud of.

Until Democrats captured this House, even our self-government, the right to govern ourselves in the District of Columbia, was under attack. I had to fight off bills that eliminate important laws in the District of Columbia. What did they have to say about our local laws?

For example, a favorite has been attempts to wipe out all the gun safety laws in the District of Columbia. I have been able to defeat these bills—almost all of them—even while I have been in the minority.

But why should I have to come to this floor to say to Members of the House that these are local matters?

This is a national body. Stay out of our business.

There were laws that would have repealed our Local Budget Autonomy Act, where we deal only with spending matters resident alone pay for.

A law they tried to erase a recreational marijuana. Ten states allow recreational marijuana, which the House has allowed.

They tried to wipe out abortions for low-income women. They tried to wipe

out our Death with Dignity Act. These, of course, are rather progressive matters.

Death with dignity, for example, after seeking the advice of a physician, and with only 6 months to live, allows people to take their own lives, with pharmaceuticals provided by a physician. That is not the case for every jurisdiction.

By the way, the majority of American people support this right. But if you disagree with it, Congress can't do anything about it anywhere else, only in the District of Columbia.

I could name several other bills. We were able to defeat all of these bills away except two. One is the marijuana commercialization act. We were able to save the ability to possess 2 ounces but not to do what those 10 states already do, which is to regulate it and tax it.

Marijuana should be regulated, not just sold. Why does the House not want that? Of course, to sell and legally tax marijuana, if you don't do that, people will smoking marijuana anyway.

We have six universities here. Do you think people aren't smoking pot?

The Republican priority has always been local control. That is their mantra. They even want the Federal Government often out of the business that the Federal Government must be in.

We have indicated that we would like that mantra to apply to the District of Columbia as well.

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At the same time, we are on a dual track. At the same time that we are trying to get statehood, we have not gotten full control of our own city because the Congress, as I have just indicated, can intervene.

So, at the same time that we are trying to get statehood, which would do the whole thing, we are also trying to use the Home Rule Act simply to get what every other jurisdiction has: a local prosecutor, for example; the right to declare clemency for local residents, local control of local courts, etc.

So we are on two tracks: statehood, which would give us the whole set of rights that the rest of the country has; and using the Home Rule Act—and the District has had home rule since 1973—simply getting the kinds of rights that do not require statehood but that other jurisdictions have passed locally.

I have gotten three bills passed this term. I got them passed in the first 3 months. And note that, even when I was in the minority in the last Congress—I was voted the most effective Democrat in the Congress. The commentary noted that NORTON—does not have the final vote on the House floor.

I got back my vote in the Committee of the Whole. I now vote for the District of Columbia when the House meets in the Committee of the Whole. I was able to get that right when I first came to Congress.

And if this is believable, when the Democrats lost the House, Republicans

took back even that vote, the DC vote in the Committee of the Whole, even though it had been approved by the courts of the United States. It was granted by the House; therefore, it could be taken away by the House. It was taken away by the House before.

Getting full and equal rights for the District of Columbia is personal to me because I am a native Washingtonian—indeed, a third-generation Washingtonian.

I cannot help but tell the story of my great-grandfather, a runaway slave from Virginia. He came to the District of Columbia when they still had slavery, when, of course, it didn't have any home rule or statehood.

The District was being built. This Capitol building was being built. Work was being done on the streets, and people were anxious to hire anybody they could find. Richard Holmes got a job working on the streets of the District of Columbia.

And passed down to my family is what happened to Richard Holmes. Richard Holmes that continues to inspire me, even as I am inspired by our veterans as we approach Memorial Day.

Richard Holmes was working on the streets of the District of Columbia, where slave owners roamed the streets, because, after all, valuable property was lost if there was a runaway slave that could be identified.

A man walked up behind Richard Holmes and called out the name "Richard." Richard Holmes kept digging. Then the slave owner went over to the straw boss and said, "That is my slave. I have come to take him back." And the straw boss said, "Well, that man didn't answer to that name," and he let Richard Holmes stay.

I think Richard Holmes must have been a good worker, so he just wasn't going to give him up. I don't know that. All I know is that he did not give him up, and the Holmes family has been very grateful ever since.

This has been the most important destination, not only for people like my great-grandfather who simply walked off of a plantation in Virginia. In telling the story, you will note that I didn't speak about Richard Holmes as some heroic runaway slave, because that is not how the story was told to us. We were told that Richard Holmes simply walked off that plantation when nobody was looking and walked all the way to the District of Columbia from way down in Virginia.

In a real sense, I feel like I am walking. I am continuing in his footsteps as I strive to help my city become the 51st State, no longer be a city where there is taxation without representation.

Imagine the outrage. This is not a Congress which likes taxes, particularly my Republican friends. Well, a lot of us have owned up to the fact that it became a great country because all of us pitched in, including paying Federal

taxes. But imagine paying Federal taxes when you don't have anything to say about the amount of those taxes or anything else about those taxes.

Imagine being number one per capita in Federal taxes to support your country and yet having no final vote on this House floor when those taxes are raised, when, for example, there has been a massive tax cut that went to the great benefit, as it turned out, of corporations and the very well-off.

For the District of Columbia, I could speak on that bill but I could not vote on that bill, even though I represent those who will pay the highest amount in taxes pursuant to that bill.

So taxation without representation is not simply a slogan for the people I represent. It has real meaning, as real for us as it did for the Framers. They were willing to risk treasonous acts in order not to pay taxes without representation.

As the United States stands, today as a Nation, we are in violation of treaties the United States has signed because we do not grant full and equal rights to the residents of the Nation's Capital.

For example, our country, in 1977, signed the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. The Human Rights Committee, which has oversight over that treaty, has since said that the United Nations delegation to the U.N. "... remains concerned that residents of the District of Columbia do not enjoy full representation in Congress, a restriction which does not seem to be compatible with article 25 of the covenant," the covenant that the United States has signed, in violation of all our country stands for and in violation of international law.

So, as this Memorial Day comes, I come to the floor simply to remind my colleagues of what it means for those of us who live in our Nation's Capital. Even though on this Memorial Day we recall the Memorial Days that have gone ahead, commemorating the residents of this city who have fought and died in every war, I believe we should particularly note the first African American general, who happened to be born and raised in the District of Columbia; the first African American Air Force general, who was born and raised in the District of Columbia; the first African American Naval Academy graduate, born and raised in the District of Columbia; and the first African American Air Force Academy graduate, born and raised in the District of Columbia.

I cite these African Americans because they served, all of them, when the District was a segregated city. And when I say the District was a segregated city, understand that this was a majority-White city and has been a majority-White city for most of its 218 years as a city.

And yet African Americans and Whites have been treated in exactly the same way, as second-class and perhaps worse.

On Monday, the last Monday in May, Memorial Day will mean perhaps more

to the residents of our Nation's Capital than anywhere else, and particularly to our veterans who are still living here. We cannot help but remember that in World War I the District lost more lives than three States.

And, therefore, on Memorial Day, 2019, as I remember at our casualties, I speak on this House floor for every resident, for every veteran, and, I believe, for every American when I say all Americans, those who live, those who have died, and those who continue to serve, are entitled to full and equal rights.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. JACKSON LEE (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today on account of business in the district.

Mr. JEFFRIES (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today on account of commencement address.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 41 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, May 24, 2019, at 11 a.m.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas: Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. H.R. 1716. A bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to conduct coastal community vulnerability assessments related to ocean acidification, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 116-81). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas: Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. H.R. 988. A bill to provide for a study by the Ocean Studies Board of the National Academies of Science examining the impact of ocean acidification and other stressors in estuarine environments; with amendments (Rept. 116-82 Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Ms. KAPTUR: Committee on Appropriations. H.R. 2960. A bill Making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes (Rept. 116-83). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. VISCLOSKEY: Committee on Appropriations. H.R. 2968. A bill Making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes (Rept. 116-84). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

#### DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on Natural Resources dis-

charged from further consideration. H.R. 988 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

#### CONSENSUS CALENDAR

Under clause 7 of rule XV, the following motion was filed with the Clerk: Motion No. 3, May 23, 2019 by Mr. SCHRADER on H.R. 693.

#### PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mrs. MCBATH (for herself and Mr. STEUBE):

H.R. 2938. A bill to exempt from the calculation of monthly income certain benefits paid by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. NAPOLITANO (for herself, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. ROUDA, Mr. CARBAJAL, and Mr. GARAMENDI):

H.R. 2939. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to clarify the use of certain taxes and revenues; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois (for himself and Mrs. WALORSKI):

H.R. 2940. A bill to extend the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families and related programs through September 30, 2019; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. HOULAHAN (for herself, Mr. CISNEROS, and Ms. STEFANIK):

H.R. 2941. A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense and the Secretaries of the military departments to encourage female members who separate or retire from the Armed Forces during fiscal year 2020 to participate in the Women's Health Transition Training pilot program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. CISNEROS (for himself and Ms. HOULAHAN):

H.R. 2942. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out the Women's Health Transition Training pilot program through at least fiscal year 2020, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. CISNEROS:

H.R. 2943. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make all fact sheets of the Department of Veterans Affairs in English and Spanish; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CISNEROS:

H.R. 2944. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to establish a public-private exchange program for the acquisition workforce; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BISHOP of Utah:

H.R. 2945. A bill to provide for the indefinite duration of certain military land withdrawals, to improve the management of lands currently subject to such withdrawals, to make the management of such lands more transparent, and for other purposes; to the



Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. LIPINSKI (for himself and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey):

H.R. 2946. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for certain additional means of qualification for the Visa Waiver Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CARBAJAL (for himself and Mr. LAMALFA):

H.R. 2947. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to develop guidelines regarding the use by the Secretaries of the military departments and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of unofficial sources of information to determine the eligibility of a member or former member of the Armed Forces for benefits and decorations when the member's service records are incomplete because of damage to the records, including records damaged by a 1973 fire at the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, Missouri; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. RUTHERFORD (for himself and Mr. WALTZ):

H.R. 2948. A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in St. Augustine, Florida, as the "Leo C. Chase Jr. Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. ENGEL (for himself and Mr. WILSON of South Carolina):

H.R. 2949. A bill to provide for oversight of North Korea policy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. DEAN:

H.R. 2950. A bill to amend the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 to require full disclosure for entities receiving Federal funding; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Ms. BARRAGAN (for herself and Ms. KELLY of Illinois):

H.R. 2951. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of dental services under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. RYAN (for himself, Mr. PALAZZO, Mr. ARMSTRONG, and Mr. WELCH):

H.R. 2952. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize concurrent use of Department of Defense Tuition Assistance and Montgomery GI Bill-Selected Reserve benefits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. RYAN (for himself and Mr. PALAZZO):

H.R. 2953. A bill to amend title 37, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of a military department to pay an officer in a reserve component of a uniformed service aviation incentive pay at the same rate as an officer in the regular component of that uni-

formed service; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. PALAZZO (for himself and Mr. RYAN):

H.R. 2954. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to ensure that an order to serve on active duty under section 12304b of that title is treated the same as other orders to serve on active duty for determining the eligibility of members of the uniformed services for early retirement pay; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. PALMER (for himself, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. LOUDERMILK, Mr. FLORES, Mr. POSEY, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. BABIN, Mr. WESTERMAN, Mr. STEWART, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. HICE of Georgia, Mr. BUCK, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. WALKER, Mr. GAETZ, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. BROOKS of Alabama, Mr. DUNN, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. MITCHELL, Mr. DAVID P. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. WRIGHT, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. BUDD, Mr. YOHO, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. DAVIDSON of Ohio, Mr. RIGGLEMAN, Mr. CLOUD, Mr. JOHN W. ROSE of Tennessee, and Mr. BERGMAN):

H.R. 2955. A bill to prevent the issuance of grants to entities that impose an unreasonable condition on or unjust discrimination against an air carrier operating pursuant to a contract with a Government agency, including United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. CALVERT (for himself, Mr. AGUILAR, and Mr. TAKANO):

H.R. 2956. A bill to provide for the establishment of the Western Riverside County Wildlife Refuge; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. BYRNE (for himself and Mr. VAN DREW):

H.R. 2957. A bill to prevent prisoners who have been convicted of terrorism related offenses from being eligible for early release, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. JUDY CHU of California (for herself, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. LOWENTHAL, and Mrs. NAPOLITANO):

H.R. 2958. A bill to increase the recruitment and retention of school-based mental health services providers by low-income local educational agencies; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. SWALWELL of California:

H.R. 2959. A bill to remove assault weapons and large capacity ammunition feeding devices from circulation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LARSEN of Washington (for himself, Mr. COOK, Mr. COLE, Mr. CARDENAS, Mrs. TORRES of California, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia, Ms. MOORE, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. RUIZ, and Mr. SOTO):

H.R. 2961. A bill to reaffirm that certain land has been taken into trust for the benefit of the Samish Indian Nation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. WRIGHT:

H.R. 2962. A bill to amend chapter 1 of title 23, United States Code, to condition the receipt of certain highway funding by States on the enactment of certain laws to prevent the use of automated traffic enforcement systems; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. WRIGHT:

H.R. 2963. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to require States to provide notification of the use of automated traffic enforcement systems under highway safety programs; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois (for himself and Mr. REED):

H.R. 2964. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include foster care transition youth as members of targeted groups for purposes of the work opportunity credit; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois (for himself, Mrs. WALORSKI, Ms. BASS, and Mr. BACON):

H.R. 2965. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a refundable adoption tax credit; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois (for himself and Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY):

H.R. 2966. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide formula grants to States to improve higher education opportunities for foster youth and homeless youth, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois:

H.R. 2967. A bill to provide greater support for grandfamilies and older caretaker relatives; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Labor, Energy and Commerce, and Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. SOTO:

H.R. 2969. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1401 1st Street North in Winter Haven, Florida, as the "Althea Margaret Daily Mills Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Ms. ADAMS (for herself and Mrs. HARTZLER):

H.R. 2970. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Army to place in Arlington National Cemetery a monument honoring Army Security Agency veterans of World War II, the Korean conflict, and the Vietnam Era, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BIGGS:

H.R. 2971. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase and expand the deduction for qualified business income; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BRINDISI (for himself and Mrs. WALORSKI):

H.R. 2972. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to improve the communications of the Department of Veterans Affairs relating to services available for women veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BROOKS of Alabama (for himself, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, and Mr. GOSAR):

H.R. 2973. A bill to require the Director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to submit annual reports regarding certain demographic information on aliens arrested; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CARTWRIGHT (for himself, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, and Ms. JACKSON LEE):

H.R. 2974. A bill to improve the financial literacy of secondary school students; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Ms. JUDY CHU of California (for herself, Mr. VELA, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. WELCH, Ms. WEXTON, Ms. WILD, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LOEBSACK, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. YARMUTH, Mr. EVANS, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mrs. BUSTOS, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. ALLRED, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. AGUILAR, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Ms. BASS, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. BERA, Mr. BEYER, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. BROWN of Maryland, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. CASTEN of Illinois, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. CISNEROS, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. CLAY, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. COOPER, Mr. COX of California, Mr. CRIST, Mr. CROW, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. MORELLE, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. DEAN, Mr. DEFAZIO, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. DELAULO, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. DELGADO, Mrs. DEMINGS, Mr. DEUTCH, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. ENGEL, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mrs. FLETCHER, Mr. FOSTER, Ms. FRANKEL, Ms. FUDGE, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. HAALAND, Mr. HASTINGS, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. HECK, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Ms. HILL of California, Mr. HIMES, Ms. NORTON, Mr. HORSFORD, Ms. HOULAHAN, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. KILMER, Mr. KIND, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Mr. LAWSON of Florida, Ms. LEE of California, Mrs. LEE of Nevada, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Mr. LEWIS, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. LUJÁN, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Ms. MATSUI, Mrs. MCBATH, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MCEACHIN, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. MENG, Ms. MOORE, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL, Mr. NADLER, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. O'HALLERAN, Ms. OMAR, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Mr. PETERS, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. POCAN, Mrs. PRESSLEY, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. RASKIN, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. RICHMOND, Mr. ROUDA, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. SCHRAEDER, Ms. SCHRIER, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. SHALALA, Mr. SIREs, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. SOTO, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Ms. TITUS, Mr. TRONE, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. TONKO, Mrs. TORRES of California, Mrs. TRAHAN, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. PORTER, Mr. CASE, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. GALLEGRO, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Ms. SHERRILL, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, and Mr. DESAULNIER):

H.R. 2975. A bill to protect a woman's ability to determine whether and when to bear a

child or end a pregnancy, and to protect a health care provider's ability to provide reproductive health care services, including abortion services; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. JUDY CHU of California (for herself and Mr. KATKO):

H.R. 2976. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide authority to postpone certain deadlines by reason of State declared disasters or emergencies; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CICILLINE (for himself, Mr. AGUILAR, Mr. ALLRED, Mrs. AXNE, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Ms. BASS, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. BERA, Mr. BEYER, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. BRINDISI, Mr. BROWN of Maryland, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mrs. BUSTOS, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. CASE, Mr. CASTEN of Illinois, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. CISNEROS, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. COHEN, Mr. COOPER, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. COX of California, Mrs. CRAIG, Mr. CRIST, Mr. CROW, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Ms. DEAN, Mr. DEFAZIO, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. DELAULO, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. DELGADO, Mrs. DEMINGS, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. DEUTCH, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. ENGEL, Ms. ESCOBAR, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. FINKENAUER, Ms. FRANKEL, Ms. GABBARD, Mr. GALLEGRO, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. GOLDEN, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. HAALAND, Mr. HARDER of California, Mr. HASTINGS, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. HECK, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Ms. HILL of California, Mr. HIMES, Ms. KENDRA S. HORN of Oklahoma, Mr. HORSFORD, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. JAYAPAL, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. KILMER, Mr. KIM, Mr. KIND, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, Mr. LAMB, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Ms. LEE of California, Mrs. LEE of Nevada, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Mr. LEVIN of California, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. LOEBSACK, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. LUJÁN, Mrs. LURIA, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. MALINOWSKI, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. MCADAMS, Mrs. MCBATH, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MCEACHIN, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. MORELLE, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL, Mrs. MURPHY, Mr. NADLER, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. NORCROSS, Ms. NORTON, Mr. O'HALLERAN, Ms. OMAR, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. PETERS, Mr. PHILLIPS, Mr. POCAN, Ms. PORTER, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. QUIGLEY, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. ROSE of New York, Mr. ROUDA, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. RYAN, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SCHRAEDER, Ms. SCHRIER, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. SHERRILL, Mr. SIREs, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. SPANBERGER, Ms.

SPEIER, Mr. STANTON, Ms. STEVENS, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. TORRES SMALL of New Mexico, Mrs. TRAHAN, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. VARGAS, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. WELCH, Ms. WILD, and Mr. YARMUTH):

H.R. 2977. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, Super PACs and other entities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. CONNOLLY (for himself, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, and Mr. CUMMINGS):

H.R. 2978. A bill to amend title 44, United States Code, to reauthorize the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mr. CONNOLLY (for himself, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. HASTINGS, and Ms. BASS):

H.R. 2979. A bill to improve diversity and inclusion in the workforce of national security agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, Intelligence (Permanent Select), the Judiciary, Homeland Security, Agriculture, and Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. CRAWFORD:

H.R. 2980. A bill to provide for the establishment of the Entry Adjudication through General Legal Expertise Corps, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. CUMMINGS:

H.R. 2981. A bill to establish a pilot program at the Small Business Administration that grants awards to historically Black colleges and universities establishing an entrepreneurship curriculum and placement of a Small Business Development Center on the physical campus of the institution, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committee on Small Business, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. CUNNINGHAM (for himself and Mrs. MURPHY):

H.R. 2982. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study of the barriers for women veterans to health care from the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. DEFAZIO:

H.R. 2983. A bill to provide for the establishment of the United States Employee Ownership Bank, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. DESAULNIER (for himself, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. HUFFMAN, and Mr. SCOTT of Virginia):

H.R. 2984. A bill to provide whistleblower protections to certain workers in the offshore oil and gas industry; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. ESTES (for himself and Mr. SCHNEIDER):

H.R. 2985. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify that payment of taxes on deferred foreign income in installments shall not prevent credit or refund of overpayments or increase estimated taxes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. FOSTER (for himself, Mr. CASTEN of Illinois, Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER, and Mr. GONZALEZ of Ohio):

H.R. 2986. A bill to amend the United States Energy Storage Competitiveness Act of 2007 to establish a research, development, and demonstration program for grid-scale energy storage systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. FOSTER:

H.R. 2987. A bill to amend the National Security Act of 1947 to require the appointment by the President of the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs to be made by and with the advice and consent of the Senate; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, and Intelligence (Permanent Select), for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GOODEN (for himself, Mr. SCALISE, Mr. WRIGHT, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. WALKER, Mr. GAETZ, Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania, Mr. BABIN, Mr. TAYLOR, and Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana):

H.R. 2988. A bill to ensure State and local compliance with all Federal immigration detainers on aliens in custody, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GOSAR (for himself, Mr. BABIN, Mr. BUDD, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. PERRY, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, and Mr. BIGGS):

H.R. 2989. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that any alien who has been convicted of a felony or two misdemeanors, is deportable, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GREEN of Tennessee (for himself and Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi):

H.R. 2990. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit States to designate without any mileage limitations facilities that are located in rural areas as critical access hospitals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. GRIJALVA (for himself, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, and Ms. FUDGE):

H.R. 2991. A bill to restore protections for Social Security, Railroad retirement, and Black Lung benefits from administrative offset; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota:

H.R. 2992. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania (for himself and Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania):

H.R. 2993. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the section 45 credit for refined coal from steel industry fuel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. KING of Iowa (for himself and Mr. GROTHMAN):

H.R. 2994. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to ensure that each wheelchair, furnished to a veteran because of a service-connected disability, restores the maximum achievable mobility in the activities of daily life, employment, and recreation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. LEVIN of California (for himself, Mr. PETERS, Ms. PORTER, Mr. ROUDA, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mrs. DAVIS of California, and Ms. BONAMICI):

H.R. 2995. A bill to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 to prioritize the acceptance of high-level radioactive waste or spent nuclear fuel from certain civilian nuclear power reactors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. LEWIS (for himself, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. HASTINGS, Ms. NORTON, Mr. RUSH, Ms. OMAR, Mr. COHEN, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, and Mr. SUOZZI):

H.R. 2996. A bill to amend the Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015 with respect to the protection of human rights and labor standards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. LOEBSACK (for himself, Mr. STIVERS, Mrs. BUSTOS, Ms. FINKENAUER, Mrs. AXNE, Mr. VELA, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. MCCAUL, Ms. GABBARD, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. SOTO, Mr. GAETZ, Mr. COOPER, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. RYAN, Mr. KATKO, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. HIMES, Mr. COX of California, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Ms. SHERRILL, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. GALLEG0, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. OLSON, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. LOFGREN, and Mr. VEASEY):

H.R. 2997. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that certain veterans receive in-patient psychiatric care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. LOWEY:

H.R. 2998. A bill to amend chapter 1 of title 23, United States Code, to condition the receipt of certain highway funding by States on the enactment and enforcement by States of certain laws to prevent repeat intoxicated driving; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. LUJÁN (for himself, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. COLE, and Ms. MCCOLLUM):

H.R. 2999. A bill to provide for rental assistance for homeless or at-risk Indian veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. MCCLINTOCK (for himself, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. BROOKS of Alabama, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Mr. RATCLIFFE, Mr.

LAMALFA, Mr. GAETZ, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. BUDD, Mr. LONG, Mr. WALKER, Mr. BABIN, Mr. ARRINGTON, Mrs. MILLER, Mr. COOK, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. BIGGS, and Mr. WRIGHT):

H.R. 3000. A bill to ensure that State and local law enforcement may cooperate with Federal officials to protect our communities from violent criminals and suspected terrorists who are illegally present in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, and Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. MENG (for herself, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. NORTON, Ms. MOORE, Mr. ROUDA, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. LYNCH, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. GALLEG0, Mr. LIPINSKI, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. CASE, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. RASKIN, Mrs. LOWEY, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. BEYER, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. PETERS, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. BROWN of Maryland, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, and Mr. ESPAILLAT):

H.R. 3001. A bill to reestablish the Office of Noise Abatement and Control in the Environmental Protection Agency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. NEAL:

H.R. 3002. A bill to provide for the carriage of certain television broadcast stations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 3003. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the maximum limit on the number of special masters allowed in the United States Court of Federal Claims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. OMAR (for herself, Mrs. TRAHAN, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. TLAB, Ms. PRESSLEY, and Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ):

H.R. 3004. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit criminal corporations from making disbursements of funds in connection with a campaign for election for Federal, State, or local office; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. VARGAS, Mrs. DAVIS of California, and Mr. LEVIN of California):

H.R. 3005. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13308 Midland Road in Poway, California, as the "Ray Chavez Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mr. PETERSON (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, and Mr. LOEBSACK):

H.R. 3006. A bill to impose an annual deadline of June 1st for small refineries to submit petitions for exemptions from the renewable fuel requirements under section 211(o) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7545(o)) based on disproportionate economic hardship; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. POCAN:

H.R. 3007. A bill to establish an Employee Ownership and Participation Initiative, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Miss RICE of New York:

H.R. 3008. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to establish national standards relating to sanctions for individuals who drive a motor vehicle, with a child passenger in the vehicle, while intoxicated or impaired, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Miss RICE of New York:

H.R. 3009. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to establish a distracted driving education grant program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Miss RICE of New York (for herself,

Mr. MAST, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SUOZZI, Mrs. BUSTOS, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Ms. GABBARD, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. KING of New York, Ms. NORTON, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. WILD, Mr. FORTENBERRY, Mrs. LURIA, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. RYAN, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, Mr. CISNEROS, Ms. HOULAHAN, Ms. HILL of California, Mr. PETERS, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mrs. LEE of Nevada, Mr. LAMB, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. COX of California, Ms. UNDERWOOD, Mr. CRIST, Ms. SPANBERGER, Mr. KEATING, Ms. SHERRILL, Mr. BRINDISI, Mr. ALLRED, Mr. MORELLE, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Ms. SLOTKIN, Ms. FRANKEL, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. VAN DREW, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. RATCLIFFE, Mr. TED LIEU of California, and Mr. SERRANO):

H.R. 3010. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a mission statement of the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Miss RICE of New York:

H.R. 3011. A bill to improve the safety of individuals by taking measures to end drunk driving; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. ROUZER (for himself, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. HUDSON, and Mr. FERGUSON):

H.R. 3012. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct outreach to veterans regarding the effect of delayed payments of claims for emergency medical care furnished by non-Department of Veterans Affairs medical providers by the Office of Community Care and to direct the Secretary to submit to Congress an annual report regarding such delayed payments; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. STEUBE:

H.R. 3013. A bill to direct Federal departments and agencies to verify eligibility for Federal benefits for individuals 105 years of age or older, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mr. THORNBERRY:

H.R. 3014. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, and the Small Business Act to improve innovation in defense procurement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committees on Small Business, and Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. TURNER (for himself, Mrs. DAVIS of California, and Ms. STEFANIK):

H.R. 3015. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the prevention of sexual assault and related offenses in the Armed Forces, to enhance protections of victims of such offenses, to improve the investigation and prosecution of such offenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. VELÁZQUEZ (for herself, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. GABBARD, Mr. VELA, and Ms. NORTON):

H.R. 3016. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for and support liver illness visibility, education, and research, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. WENSTRUP:

H.R. 3017. A bill to amend parts B and E of title IV of the Social Security Act to provide resources to implement the programmatic changes necessary to meet the requirements of the Family First Prevention Services Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. WEXTON:

H.R. 3018. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development from implementing a proposed rule regarding requirements under Community Planning and Development housing programs; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. YOUNG (for himself, Mr. HUNTER, Ms. PINGREE, Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. CARBAJAL, and Mr. YOHO):

H.R. 3019. A bill to require that Federal agencies only procure cut flowers and cut greens produced in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mr. YOUNG:

H.R. 3020. A bill to establish a congressionally chartered seaway development corporation in the Arctic, consistent with customary international law, with the intention of uniting Arctic nations in a cooperative Arctic shipping union, where voluntary collective maritime shipping fees will help fund the infrastructural and environmental demands of safe and reliable shipping in the region; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. ENGEL (for himself, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. HASTINGS, and Ms. KAPTUR):

H. Res. 400. A resolution supporting efforts to strengthen democracy in Hungary and its alliance with the United States; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. JUDY CHU of California (for herself, Mr. BERA, Mr. CASE, Mr. CISNEROS, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. COX of California, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Ms. ESHOO, Ms. GABBARD, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. KHANNA, Mrs. LEE of Nevada, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Ms. MATSUI, Ms. MENG, Mrs. MURPHY, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. PETERS, Ms. PORTER, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. ROUDA, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. SABLÁN, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. TRONE, Mr. VARGAS, and Ms. WATERS):

H. Res. 401. A resolution recognizing the significance of Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month in May as an important time to celebrate the significant contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to the history of the United States; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mr. DEFAZIO (for himself, Mr.

BISHOP of Georgia, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. CASE, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. GABBARD, Mr. GAETZ, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. KENDRA S. HORN of Oklahoma, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. MATSUI, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. MOORE, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. NADLER, Ms. NORTON, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. POCAN, Ms. SHERRILL, Ms. STEVENS, Mr. VELA, and Mr. YARMUTH):

H. Res. 402. A resolution recognizing the significant milestone of Senior Corps volunteers serving 50,000,000 hours in 2018; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. GALLEG0:

H. Res. 403. A resolution honoring and recognizing the military service and contributions of Native American veterans and communities; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, and Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GOMEZ (for himself, Mr.

ESPAILLAT, Mr. LAWSON of Florida, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Ms. ESHOO, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. SHERMAN, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. ALLED, Mr. SOTO, Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. EVANS, Mr. CASE, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. NORTON, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. VELA, Mr. CISNEROS, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. MENG, Mr. ROUDA, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. MCNERNEY, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. COSTA, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mr. LEWIS, Ms. BASS, Ms. HILL of California, Ms. PORTER, Mr. CORREA, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. GAETZ, Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mrs. TORRES of California, Mr. AGUILAR, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. GALLEG0, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. PETERS, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas, Ms. LOFGREN, and Mr. LEVIN of California):

H. Res. 404. A resolution commending Korean and Korean-American Vietnam War veterans for their service to the United States during the Vietnam conflict; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. MATSUI (for herself, Mr. SHIMKUS, and Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD):

H. Res. 405. A resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 Mission, and supporting the week of July 16 through July 20 as the Apollo 50 Celebration Week; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Ms. MENG (for herself, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Ms. NORTON, Mr. ROUDA, Ms. MOORE, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. TITUS, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. OMAR, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, and Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia):

H. Res. 406. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Menstrual Hygiene Day; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. NORTON:

H. Res. 407. A resolution recognizing on Memorial Day, May 27, 2019, the denial of full participation in their Government through statehood by active duty servicemembers, National Guard members, reservists, veterans, and their families who are residents of the District of Columbia; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mr. SHERMAN (for himself, Mr. PERRY, and Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY):

H. Res. 408. A resolution condemning the terrorist attack in India that tragically killed 41 Indian Central Reserve Police; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

### CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mrs. MCBATH:

H.R. 2938.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution.

By Mrs. NAPOLITANO:

H.R. 2939.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Amendment X to the Constitution.

By Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois:

H.R. 2940.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution, to “provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States.”

By Ms. HOULAHAN:

H.R. 2941.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. CISNEROS:

H.R. 2942.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. CISNEROS:

H.R. 2943.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. CISNEROS:

H.R. 2944.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. BISHOP of Utah:

H.R. 2945.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2

By Mr. LIPINSKI:

H.R. 2946.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18

“To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department of Officer thereof.”

By Mr. CARBAJAL:

H.R. 2947.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

“The constitutional authority of Congress to enact this legislation is provided by Article I, section 8 of the United States Constitution which provides Congress with the power to lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises in order to provide for the general Welfare of the United States.”

By Mr. RUTHERFORD:

H.R. 2948.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. ENGEL:

H.R. 2949.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Ms. DEAN:

H.R. 2950.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Ms. BARRAGÁN:

H.R. 2951.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. RYAN:

H.R. 2952.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

“The Congress enacts this bill pursuant to Section 8 of Article I of the United States Constitution.”

By Mr. RYAN:

H.R. 2953.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

“The Congress enacts this bill pursuant to Section 8 of Article I of the United States Constitution.”

By Mr. PALAZZO:

H.R. 2954.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution provides Congress authority to raise and support Armies and to provide and maintain a Navy.

By Mr. PALMER:

H.R. 2955.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18

By Mr. CALVERT:

H.R. 2956.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2 of the U.S. Constitution.

By Mr. BYRNE:

H.R. 2957.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18

By Ms. JUDY CHU of California:

H.R. 2958.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Art. 1, Sec. 8: “The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States.”

By Mr. SWALWELL of California:

H.R. 2959.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1, 3, and 18

By Mr. LARSEN of Washington:

H.R. 2961.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

As described in Article 1, Section 1 “all legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.”

By Mr. WRIGHT:

H.R. 2962.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. WRIGHT:

H.R. 2963.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois:

H.R. 2964.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I of the Constitution and its subsequent amendments and further clarified and interpreted by the Supreme Court of the United States.

By Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois:

H.R. 2965.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I of the Constitution and its subsequent amendments and further clarified and interpreted by the Supreme Court of the United States.

By Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois:

H.R. 2966.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I of the Constitution and its subsequent amendments and further clarified and interpreted by the Supreme Court of the United States.

By Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois:

H.R. 2967.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I of the Constitution and its subsequent amendments and further clarified and interpreted by the Supreme Court of the United States.

By Mr. SOTO:

H.R. 2969.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, of the United States Constitution.

By Ms. ADAMS:

H.R. 2970.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article I of the United States Constitution and Amendment XVI of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. BIGGS:

H.R. 2971.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. BRINDISI:

H.R. 2972.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution.

By Mr. BROOKS of Alabama:

H.R. 2973.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8

By Mr. CARTWRIGHT:

H.R. 2974.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution

By Ms. JUDY CHU of California:

H.R. 2975.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article 1 of the United States Constitution

By Ms. JUDY CHU of California:

H.R. 2976.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I—Section 8: The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defense and general Welfare of the United States.

By Mr. CICILLINE:

H.R. 2977.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.

By Mr. CONNOLLY:

H.R. 2978.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. CONNOLLY:

H.R. 2979.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. CRAWFORD:

H.R. 2980.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the enumerated powers listed in Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the U.S. Constitution.

By Mr. CUMMINGS:

H.R. 2981.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. CUNNINGHAM:

H.R. 2982.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1: "The Congress shall have the power to . . . provide for the common defense and general welfare of the United States"

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18: "To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers . . ."

By Mr. DeFAZIO:

H.R. 2983.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 (relating to the power to make all laws necessary and proper for carrying out the powers vested in Congress)

By Mr. DESAULNIER:

H.R. 2984.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8.

By Mr. ESTES:

H.R. 2985.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1: "The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States."

By Mr. FOSTER:

H.R. 2986.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8, Clauses 1 and 18 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. FOSTER:

H.R. 2987.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8, Clauses 1 and 18 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. GOODEN:

H.R. 2988.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article One, Section Eight, Clause 18

By Mr. GOSAR:

H.R. 2989.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, section 8, clause 4, (the Naturalization Clause) which gives Congress sovereign control over immigration. In *Chirac v. Lessee of Chirac* (1817), the Supreme Court affirmed that the Constitution grants Congress Plenary power on immigration policy. Further, in *Galvan v. Press* (1954) the court found "that the formulation of policies [pertaining to the entry of aliens and the right to remain here] is entrusted to Congress has become about as firmly imbedded in the legislative and judicial tissues of our body politic as any aspect of our government."

Finally, in *Sessions v. Dimaya* (2018), when discussing the aggravated felony definition in section 101(a)(43)(F) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), Justice Neil Gorsuch issued an opinion stating, "Congress remains free at any time to add more crimes to its list. It remains free, as well, to write a new residual clause that affords the fair notice lacking here. Congress might, for example, say that a conviction for any felony carrying a prison sentence of a specified length opens an alien to removal. Congress has done almost exactly this in other laws . . ."

By Mr. GREEN of Tennessee:

H.R. 2990.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. GRIJALVA:

H.R. 2991.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

U.S. Const. art. I, §§1 and 8.

By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota:

H.R. 2992.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 2993.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The Congress enacts this bill pursuant to Article I Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. KING of Iowa:

H.R. 2994.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. LEVIN of California:

H.R. 2995.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. LEWIS:

H.R. 2996.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I of the United States Constitution and its subsequent amendments, and further clarified and interpreted by the Supreme Court of the United States.

By Mr. LOEBSACK:

H.R. 2997.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mrs. LOWEY:

H.R. 2998.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3

By Mr. LUJAN:

H.R. 2999.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8.

By Mr. MCCLINTOCK:

H.R. 3000.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 4 of the United States Constitution

By Ms. MENG:

H.R. 3001.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Section 8 of Article 1 of the Constitution

By Mr. NEAL:

H.R. 3002.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The constitutional authority on which this bill rests is in the power of Congress to regulate commerce as enumerated in Article I, Section 8.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 3003.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

clause 18 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution.

By Ms. OMAR:

H.R. 3004.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article. 1, Section. 1

By Mr. PETERS:

H.R. 3005.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. PETERSON:

H.R. 3006.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3 of the U.S. Constitution.

By Mr. POCAN:

H.R. 3007.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Miss RICE of New York:

H.R. 3008.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8,

By Miss RICE of New York:

H.R. 3009.



Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8,

By Miss RICE of New York:  
H.R. 3010.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Miss RICE of New York:  
H.R. 3011.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8,

By Mr. ROUZER:  
H.R. 3012.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. STEUBE:  
H.R. 3013.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States;

To borrow money on the credit of the United States;

To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes;

To establish a uniform Rule of Naturalization, and uniform Laws on the subject of Bankruptcies throughout the United States;

To coin Money, regulate the Value thereof, and of foreign Coin, and fix the Standard of Weights and Measures;

To provide for the Punishment of counterfeiting the Securities and current Coin of the United States;

To establish Post Offices and Post Roads;

To promote the Progress of Science and useful Arts, by securing for limited Times to Authors and Inventors the exclusive Right to their respective Writings and Discoveries;

To constitute Tribunals inferior to the supreme Court;

and Offenses against the Law of Nations;

To declare War, grant Letters of Marque and Reprisal, and make Rules concerning Captures on Land and Water;

To raise and support Armies, but no Appropriation of Money to that Use shall be for a longer Term than two Years;

To provide and maintain a Navy;

To make Rules for the Government and Regulation of the land and naval Forces;

To provide for calling forth the Militia to execute the Laws of the Union, suppress Insurrections and repel Invasions;

To provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining, the Militia, and for governing such Part of them as may be employed in the Service of the United States, reserving to the States respectively, the Appointment of the Officers, and the Authority of training the Militia according to the discipline prescribed by Congress;

To exercise exclusive Legislation in all Cases whatsoever, over such District (not exceeding Ten Miles square) as may, by Cession of particular States, and the acceptance of Congress, become the Seat of the Government of the United States, and to exercise like Authority over all Places purchased by the Consent of the Legislature of the State in which the Same shall be, for the Erection of Forts, Magazines, Arsenals, dock-Yards, and other needful Buildings; And

To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vest-

ed by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Mr. THORNBERRY:

H.R. 3014.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The constitutional authority on which this bill rests is the power of Congress to “provide for the common Defence,” “raise and support Armies,” “provide and maintain a Navy,” and “make Rules for the Government and Regulation of the land and naval Forces” as enumerated in Article I, section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. TURNER:

H.R. 3015.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8,

By Ms. VELÁZQUEZ:

H.R. 3016.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1

The Congress shall have Power to . . . provide for the . . . general Welfare of the United States; . . .

By Mr. WENSTRUP:

H.R. 3017.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Ms. WEXTON:

H.R. 3018.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8

By Mr. YOUNG:

H.R. 3019.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 9 of the Constitution

By Mr. YOUNG:

H.R. 3020.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Pursuant to Article 1, Section 8, clauses 1, 2, 3 and 18 of the United States Constitution, Congress has the power: to lay and collect taxes, duties, impost and excises, to pay the debts and provide for the common defense and general welfare of the United States; but all duties, impost and excises shall be uniform throughout the United States; to borrow money on the credit of the United States; to regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes; and to make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing powers, and all other powers vested by this Constitution in the government of the United States, or in any department or officer thereof.

#### ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 36: Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Ms. OMAR, and Mr. GONZALEZ of Ohio.  
H.R. 127: Mr. GALLEGO.

H.R. 220: Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 307: Ms. WEXTON.

H.R. 435: Ms. JACKSON LEE.

H.R. 500: Mr. CÁRDENAS, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. BERA, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. COOPER, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, Mr. ARRINGTON, Mr. WOODALL, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia, and Mr. NEWHOUSE.

H.R. 510: Mr. SCOTT of Virginia.

H.R. 550: Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mrs. TRAHAN, Mr. LOESACK, Mr.

LAWSON of Florida, Mr. EVANS, and Mr. JOYCE of Ohio.

H.R. 555: Mr. LIPINSKI.

H.R. 586: Mrs. HARTZLER, Mr. HILL of Arkansas, and Mr. MEUSER.

H.R. 594: Mr. KENNEDY.

H.R. 621: Mrs. RODGERS of Washington and Mr. KUSTOFF of Tennessee.

H.R. 647: Mr. ZELDIN.

H.R. 663: Ms. STEVENS.

H.R. 693: Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. MORELLE, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Ms. HOULAHAN, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. ARRINGTON, Mr. GOLDEN, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Mr. CASE, and Mr. CUELLAR.

H.R. 721: Mr. LAMB and Mr. KIND.

H.R. 737: Mrs. HAYES, Mr. McEACHIN, Mrs.

MURPHY, and Mr. PRICE of North Carolina.

H.R. 748: Mr. THORNBERRY.

H.R. 763: Miss RICE of New York.

H.R. 776: Mr. LANGEVIN and Mr. COSTA.

H.R. 803: Mr. GOLDEN.

H.R. 816: Mr. LAHOOD.

H.R. 847: Mr. AGUILAR and Mr. PHILLIPS.

H.R. 864: Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York.

H.R. 873: Mrs. AXNE.

H.R. 874: Mr. CORREA, Mr. LIPINSKI, and Ms. SÁNCHEZ.

H.R. 878: Mrs. CRAIG.

H.R. 886: Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 955: Mr. KIM.

H.R. 959: Ms. LOFGREN.

H.R. 963: Ms. SCHAKOWSKY.

H.R. 976: Mrs. LOWEY.

H.R. 988: Ms. JOHNSON of Texas.

H.R. 1011: Mr. SOTO.

H.R. 1012: Mr. SOTO.

H.R. 1013: Mr. SOTO.

H.R. 1024: Mr. STIVERS.

H.R. 1044: Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mrs. DEMINGS, and Mr. VAN DREW.

H.R. 1046: Mr. PAPPAS.

H.R. 1083: Ms. PRESSLEY, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, and Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York.

H.R. 1108: Mr. YOHO, Mr. AMODEI, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. COMER, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. BARR, Mr. TRONE, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. HARRIS, and Mr. CUELLAR.

H.R. 1139: Mr. MORELLE and Mr. KENNEDY.

H.R. 1140: Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Ms.

ADAMS, Ms. WEXTON, and Mr. LANGEVIN.

H.R. 1146: Ms. ADAMS, Mrs. CRAIG, Mr.

SWALWELL of California, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Mr. STANTON, and Mr. VARGAS.

H.R. 1153: Mr. PRICE of North Carolina.

H.R. 1154: Ms. SÁNCHEZ and Mr. VAN DREW.

H.R. 1163: Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL.

H.R. 1175: Mr. CRAWFORD and Mr. BACON.

H.R. 1185: Ms. ESCOBAR.

H.R. 1220: Mr. GOLDEN.

H.R. 1221: Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. THOMPSON of California, and Mr. LUJÁN.

H.R. 1224: Ms. CHENEY, Mr. TRONE, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. MAST, and Ms. LOFGREN.

H.R. 1225: Mr. FLORES, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. FULCHER, and Mr. DUNCAN.

H.R. 1257: Mrs. LEE of Nevada, Mrs. LURIA, Mrs. MILLER, and Mrs. HARTZLER.

H.R. 1297: Mr. GRIJALVA and Mr. ENGEL.

H.R. 1309: Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mr. MEEKS, and Mr. SMITH of Washington.

H.R. 1334: Mr. VAN DREW.

H.R. 1346: Mr. PRICE of North Carolina and Mr. DOGGETT.

H.R. 1396: Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mr. BABIN, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. CONNOLLY, Ms. ESCOBAR, and Ms. CASTOR of Florida.

H.R. 1423: Ms. HOULAHAN.

H.R. 1551: Mr. SHERMAN.

H.R. 1554: Mr. DESJARLAIS and Ms. JACKSON LEE.

H.R. 1581: Mrs. MCBATH.

H.R. 1592: Ms. HOULAHAN.

H.R. 1610: Mr. KIND.

H.R. 1643: Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL.

H.R. 1652: Mr. YARMUTH and Mr. WILSON of South Carolina.

- H.R. 1661: Mr. BYRNE.  
H.R. 1664: Mrs. MILLER.  
H.R. 1673: Mr. STEUBE and Mr. KELLY of Mississippi.  
H.R. 1709: Mr. ESPAILLAT and Mr. KIND.  
H.R. 1711: Ms. OMAR and Mr. VISCLOSKEY.  
H.R. 1730: Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. LONG, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. GROTHMAN, and Mrs. CRAIG.  
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H.R. 1865: Mr. KIM, Mr. GOODEN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. ROUDA, and Mr. LARSON of Connecticut.  
H.R. 1866: Mr. RIGGLEMAN.  
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H.R. 1873: Ms. STEFANIK and Mr. HECK.  
H.R. 1878: Mr. COX of California, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Mr. ROSE of New York, Mr. CISNEROS, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. SHERMAN, Ms. HILL of California, Mr. YOUNG, and Mr. KING of New York.  
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H.R. 1923: Mr. FITZPATRICK.  
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H.R. 2090: Mr. KIND.  
H.R. 2149: Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. POCAN, and Mr. MOOLENAAR.  
H.R. 2174: Mr. LONG, Mr. KING of Iowa, and Mr. SMITH of Missouri.  
H.R. 2178: Mr. LOWENTHAL and Mr. WILSON of South Carolina.  
H.R. 2208: Mr. FITZPATRICK.  
H.R. 2256: Mr. SCHNEIDER and Ms. KAPTUR.  
H.R. 2271: Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois.  
H.R. 2293: Mr. PRICE of North Carolina.  
H.R. 2349: Ms. CASTOR of Florida.  
H.R. 2353: Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. WILD, Mr. LYNCH, Ms. OMAR, Mr. SABLAN, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. SCHRIER, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. BARRAGÁN, and Ms. PRESSLEY.  
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H. Con. Res. 8: Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia and Ms. SCHRIER.  
H. Con. Res. 36: Mr. LEVIN of California and Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois.  
H. Con. Res. 41: Mr. ALLEN, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. POSEY, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. DAVID P. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. BANKS, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. LOUDERMILK, Mr. BUDD, Mr. PALMER, Mr. FLORES, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. HICE of Georgia, and Mr. DAVIDSON of Ohio.  
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H. Res. 246: Mrs. ROBY, Mr. PALMER, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. GRAVES of Missouri, and Ms. MATSUI.  
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H. Res. 289: Mr. TRONE.  
H. Res. 338: Mr. LAHOOD.  
H. Res. 344: Ms. LOFGREN.  
H. Res. 392: Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PAYNE, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, and Mr. LIPINSKI.  
H. Res. 398: Mr. BIGGS, Mrs. LESKO, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Mr. SMITH of Missouri, and Mr. MCKINLEY.



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(Legislative day of Wednesday, May 22, 2019)

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the Honorable THOM TILLIS, a Senator from the State of North Carolina.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal God, who rules the raging of the sea, we come to You with our imperfections, depending on Your promises to keep us from stumbling or slipping. Speak to us as we seek to be Your instruments during these challenging times. Let Your infinite wisdom provide for the deepest needs of our Senators. Give them strength from Your celestial bounty to manage the minutes and hours of this day in a way that pleases You. Lord, let the presence of Your peace sustain them as they face the myriad difficulties of the work You have called for them to do. Call forth from them their best as they seek a closer walk with You.

We pray in Your Holy Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Presiding Officer led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, May 23, 2019.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby

appoint the Honorable THOM TILLIS, a Senator from the State of North Carolina, to perform the duties of the Chair.

CHUCK GRASSLEY,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. TILLIS thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

### MEMORIAL DAY

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, Monday, of course, is Memorial Day. Americans will take time out of our ordinary routine and busy lives to remember the men and women who paid the ultimate price for the security of our Nation and the liberty we cherish.

We mourn every young American whose sacrifice has furthered the cause of our founding ideals, and we acknowledge in a special way the Gold Star families they leave behind—parents, spouses, and children whose grief is only matched by the facts of a grateful Nation.

As President Reagan said one Memorial Day, across the river at Arlington: “Today is the day we put aside to remember fallen heroes and to pray that no heroes will ever have to die for us again.”

So while this day is a day for honoring and remembering, in particular, our fallen heroes, it is natural that our thoughts also turn to the brave men and women who are currently serving. I am thinking of the service men and women who are defending our country overseas and especially those engaged

in combat in Afghanistan and Syria, all those stationed in the Middle East who are threatened by Iran, and those holding the line in Asia against the threats from North Korea.

We are tremendously grateful for our military’s efforts these last 18 years to keep America safe from terrorism and their ongoing work to combat al-Qaida, fight ISIS, and to help stabilize Afghanistan.

Of course, I am particularly mindful of the members of the Kentucky National Guard and the many soldiers of Kentucky-based Active-Duty units who are deployed in harm’s way.

In light of the recent intelligence, we are also keenly aware of the critical role our military is playing at this very moment to deter Iranian aggression.

The administration engaged Members of Congress earlier this week to brief us on the growing threat and detail the steps the administration is taking to address it.

I am grateful our U.S. military has already taken proven steps to improve the posture of our forces so they are ready to defend our servicemembers, military vessels, and diplomatic facilities and deter attacks by Iran or its proxies all across the region.

Nobody wants a conflict with Iran. We have heard clearly from the President and his senior advisers that the administration’s objective is to deter Iran from engaging in threatening acts that increase the risk of such a conflict.

We all know that, particularly when dealing with hostile actors, peace is a function of strength. So it is essential that even amid other partisan political disagreements, we remain one unified Nation. America must give Iran no reason—no reason—to misjudge our resolve.

Whatever disputes my colleagues may have with the administration about other issues, I hope we can avoid politicizing any differences about this

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particular threat and work together to keep America safe.

I also want to mention the American diplomats who are also hard at work overseas. We know that many of them, too, are stationed in harm's way, as we remember from repeated Iranian-backed attacks over many years on our Embassy in Baghdad or the murder of Ambassador Chris Stevens in Benghazi.

We are grateful for the talent and the hard work they have deployed—often, hand in hand with our military—to advance American interests, preserve peace, prevent miscalculation, and deter conflict. I know I speak for all of my colleagues when I say I hope their efforts are heeded.

#### SENATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, on a different matter, as I stated, the Senate will not adjourn this week until we have voted on legislation to deliver long, overdue relief funding for communities that have been hit hard by natural disasters.

None of my colleagues need to hear me recite yet again why action in this area is such an important priority and why it is so urgently needed. It is a shame that this overdue subject has been allowed to languish for so long due to extraneous questions and, frankly, partisan small-ball.

Wildfire victims in the Western States don't want to hear about House Democrats' various disagreements with the White House on a variety of issues. They simply want the relief they need and have been waiting for.

The same goes for the flooded Midwest, the hurricane-ravaged Southeast, and the Kentuckians I myself represent. They don't want to hear about more Washington difficulties. They want an outcome.

And, of course, everyone is well aware that we have an ongoing humanitarian crisis on our southern border and that our Federal Government needs more resources to deal with it. Even the New York Times editorial board wrote a few weeks ago:

As resources are strained and the system buckles, the misery grows. Something needs to be done. Soon.

That is the New York Times.

The editorial went on:

[T]he program that deals with unaccompanied minors is expected to run dry next month. . . . Democrats need to find a way to provide money for adequate shelter.

That is the New York Times.

And here was the title of the editorial, believe it or not: "Congress, Give Trump His Border Money." That is in the New York Times.

So on all these matters, it is past time—way past time to bring these negotiations to a close.

I thank Chairman SHELBY and all of our colleagues whose leadership has brought a bipartisan and bicameral solution this close to the finish line—this close. I implore our counterparts in the House and my colleagues in this Cham-

ber to quickly resolve the last few issues and produce compromise legislation today. We need to do this today because, one way or another, the Senate is not leaving without taking action. We are going to vote this week, and I sincerely hope we will be voting on a bicameral and bipartisan, negotiated solution that could become law for the American people.

#### TOBACCO-FREE YOUTH ACT

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, earlier this week, Senator Kaine and I introduced new legislation to raise the national minimum age for purchasing tobacco products to 21. Now, it has generated some attention that Senators from Kentucky and Virginia—States with some connection to tobacco farming and production—are sponsoring this legislation, but, as I said Monday, Kentucky farmers don't want their children forming nicotine addictions in middle school or high school any more than anyone else.

Well, it turns out a lot of people across the country feel the same way we do. We have already seen more than a dozen experts, advocates, and public health groups come to rally around our legislation. One such organization said that the proposal would "support smoking prevention among a population that is particularly susceptible to addiction, whose brains are still developing, and among whom nicotine use can have long-term developmental harms."

When you consider the design of our approach, it is hardly surprising that leading voices in this area are lining up with enthusiasm. It is practical, it is within our reach, and it can become law. Our legislation simply works from the foundation of existing law. We take the existing mechanisms that are in Federal statute today to enforce the 18-year minimum standard and replace "18" with "21." It is simple, it is straightforward, and it builds on what we know works.

Not only does this approach streamline implementation for addressing a widely acknowledged public health crisis, but it also preserves the freedom of individual States to go even further in their efforts to protect vulnerable youth. Yet it ensures States cannot enact anything less protective than the Federal T21 standard.

As I said earlier in the week, all youth below the age of 21 deserve the same protections from the public health crisis of nicotine addiction. Anyone who actually reads our bill will see that our intentions are clear and above reproach. Partisan griping will not save lives, nor will it prevent even more middle schoolers from yielding to potentially deadly addiction. As one advocate put it, "Every extra day it takes to put this important legislation into effect is an opportunity for thousands more kids to access a tobacco product that can damage their developing brains."

Now is the time for us to join together in a bipartisan manner and actually get a result that our Nation's youth so obviously need. In just 3 days since introduction, I have been encouraged by the support the Tobacco-Free Youth Act has received. I look forward to working with each of our colleagues to make it a reality and fight back against the scourge of addiction among America's young people.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH). Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Democratic leader is recognized.

#### DISASTER RELIEF

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, there is a lot of partisan squabbling that goes on around here. We all know that. Some of it is to be expected. After all, our parties have real disagreements about policy and the direction in which we think the country should go.

But there are a few issues that are too important to get caught up in the typical partisan back-and-forth—a few fundamental responsibilities that we must fulfill as a governing body.

One of those responsibilities where there has always been bipartisan agreement has been disaster relief. Hurricanes, fires, and floods don't hit only Republicans or only Democrats. They hit Americans of all stripes. We must come together to provide relief for everybody.

After holding up disaster relief on behalf of the President, who demanded we shortchange Puerto Rico, Republicans finally came around a few weeks ago and agreed with a disaster relief bill that would provide relief to everyone.

Let me repeat. We have an agreement right now on where and how to provide relief for Americans in the Midwest, in the South, in the West, and in the Territories. Chairman SHELBY and Vice Chairman LEAHY have worked in good faith to reach that compromise. The House will accept it. Chairman LOWEY and Ranking Member GRANGER also have agreed to this disaster relief package. So there is a package of disaster relief that is ready to go.

Unfortunately, that agreement has become entangled with extraneous issues. However important these other issues may be, we have an obligation to get this disaster relief package over the finish line before the congressional Memorial Day work period.

Ranking Member LEAHY and I would like to make it clear to my friend the

Republican leader that Senate Democrats are ready to pass the bipartisan disaster relief package that has already been agreed to and written.

We should leave out extraneous issues. There are many. Everyone wants to put in their own thing. Leave them for another day.

Democrats are willing to work hard to expedite consideration of that agreement. We are ready to work with our Republican colleagues to pass it as quickly as possible.

I understand that there is some discussion going on in the House, but if we can't come to an agreement this morning on the extraneous issues that the House is discussing, we should set those issues to the side. We should pass the disaster agreement as is and return to those unrelated issues at a later date. The people of the Midwest, of the South, of the West, and of the Territories have waited long enough. They have waited long enough.

There are millions of Americans still recovering from having their homes destroyed, their crops devastated, their property burnt. They have waited for relief for too long already. They are clamoring for it. They have said to Congress: Put aside your differences and get something done. The plan that I outlined will do just that—put aside the differences and get something done.

Whether it is the President or Members of the House or Senate—Democrat or Republican—who want to add extraneous issues, step aside at least for this time. Let's get it done. Let's not delay any longer.

### INFRASTRUCTURE

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, on infrastructure, yesterday, as everyone knows, Speaker PELOSI and I met with the President and a group of other Senators and Congress Members to discuss the prospects for a bipartisan infrastructure bill.

We went to the meeting with high hopes. The President, 3 weeks earlier, had said he would be willing to do a \$2 trillion infrastructure bill and tell us how we would pay for it. Unfortunately, it was a very short meeting. The President walked out after a few minutes with the paltry excuse that he would not work to get things done for Americans unless Congress abdicated its constitutional duty to provide oversight of the executive branch.

His motives were transparent. He knows darn well that these investigations should and will go forward. He had nothing to say on infrastructure. It was typical of the President. He boasts that he wants to do something and then has no followthrough. This administration has become an erratic, helter-skelter, get-nothing-done administration. Even on infrastructure, where there is usually bipartisan agreement, he couldn't even come to the table and talk. He had to throw a temper tantrum and walk out.

Presidents throughout our history have worked with the other party

while being investigated. They know—every President knows—it is a fact that Congress will do oversight. Some of it will not be pleasant for any President. President Obama didn't like oversight; President Bush didn't like oversight; President Clinton didn't like oversight; President H.W. Bush didn't like oversight; President Reagan didn't like oversight. But none of them, Democrat or Republican, said: I am going to stop the government from functioning. I am going to refuse to help hundreds of millions of Americans who need help in one way or another because I don't like Congress fulfilling its constitutional responsibility.

The bottom line is simple. The President was merely looking for any excuse, however inelegant, however transparent, to wriggle out of working with Democrats on a much needed infrastructure bill.

Nothing about yesterday's meeting at the White House changes the fact that we have serious infrastructure demands in our country. Nothing about yesterday's meeting changes the fact that a substantial investment in infrastructure can boost our economy, put millions of Americans to work, create green jobs and green energy sources, and meet the ever-growing demands of the new 21st century.

We came to the meeting with the President with serious intentions to work with him on a large bipartisan bill. He had asked the night before in his letter where we wanted to put the money. I brought to him a 35-page proposal with ideas on how to craft one. We talked about what needs to be done: repairing and rebuilding our old roads and bridges, water and sewer, building a power grid so that we can bring clean energy from the parts of the country blessed with wind and sun to other parts of the country in need of energy, dealing with infrastructure in a way that creates broadband for all of the rural and inner city homes that don't have it, creating green jobs, encouraging electric and other kinds of vehicles that will reduce the output of carbon into the air, and creating much more energy-efficient homes and schools.

There are many demands. It was a comprehensive proposal. The President might not agree with all of it, but we were there, prepared to roll up our sleeves, work, and come up with a plan.

Unfortunately, the President had no plan. Despite his promise 3 weeks earlier that he would have a plan, he had none. Two nights before, he had said: Well, let's not discuss infrastructure until we discuss USMCA and NAFTA. Then, that morning, he didn't even take a seat. He stood up, obviously agitated, and said that the investigations were wrong and stalked out.

We left the meeting disappointed in both the President's decision and demeanor. But America can be assured that Democrats will try to find ways to move the ball forward on this important issue of roads, bridges, broadband,

and power—with or without the President.

Democrats believe in infrastructure, plain and simple. We believe that our infrastructure is an urgent priority of the country and this Congress. We believe we need to rebuild existing infrastructure—the roads, bridges, ports, and sewers. We need to build the infrastructure of tomorrow, such as wind, solar, a new power grid, and broadband for rural and inner city America.

We believe our next investment in infrastructure must be substantial. We believe we can pay for it without asking the middle class to shoulder the burden.

We believe a new 21st century infrastructure program is one of the very best ways to create millions of long-term, good-paying jobs, to boost our economy, and to help combat climate change.

So I say to my Republican colleagues in the Senate: Despite the President's unwillingness to work on anything that benefits the American people, according to him, let's move forward on an infrastructure bill. Let's put together a large, strong, well-funded, and clean infrastructure bill.

Members of both sides should want the opportunity to work on something that will benefit every constituency in every State in America. Members should want to tell the American people that they are working to bring jobs to their States, broadband to rural and underserved urban communities, to work together to improve the economy and the environment with a clean, green infrastructure bill. There is no reason why the Senate should not pursue a bipartisan infrastructure bill.

Congress has taken the lead before. Congress can take the lead again, no matter what the President does. Just because President Trump doesn't want to lead doesn't mean that our work on infrastructure is over—not by a long shot.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### HEALTHCARE

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, if you have a leak in your sink or a dripping pipe in the bathroom, you generally fix it yourself or call a plumber to fix the problem. You don't look at your otherwise functioning house and decide to raze it to the ground because of the plumbing issue. But that is basically what Democrats want to do with our healthcare system.

Our healthcare system certainly isn't perfect, but our system also has plenty of positive things going for it: high-

quality care, choice, access to innovative technology and treatments, and most Americans are pretty satisfied with their health insurance. So a logical thing to do would be to fix the problems with our system and to preserve what is working, but that is not what Democrats want to do.

Democrats want to destroy our current system and replace it with a single, one-size-fits-all, government-run program known as Medicare for All.

What will that mean for Americans? Paying more and waiting longer for worse care.

Medicare for All is estimated to cost \$32 trillion or more over 10 years. That is more money than the Federal Government has spent in the last 8 years, combined, on everything. One Medicare expert estimates that doubling the amount of individual and corporate income tax collected would not be enough to cover the cost of Medicare for All. I don't know about the Democrats, but I don't know too many families who can afford to have their tax bills double.

Yet it is not just higher taxes. Medicare for All would eliminate Americans' healthcare choices.

Don't like the one-size-fits-all government healthcare plan? Too bad. You will not have any other option. Private and employer-sponsored healthcare will be a thing of the past. Your only choice will be the government's plan.

Your treatment choices will also be limited. If the government will not want to pay for a particular cancer treatment, for example, you will be out of luck. There will be no switching of an insurer to a better carrier. Unless you have tens or hundreds of thousands of dollars lying around to cover that treatment option entirely out-of-pocket, you are going to go without.

Then, of course, there are the long wait times that are a hallmark of socialized medicine. Patients in Canada and the United Kingdom, both of which have government-run healthcare systems, face tremendous wait times for care. It can take up to a year to get a medical procedure in Canada—one of the reasons you hear so many stories about Canadians coming to the United States for care. Imagine having to wait a year for your child to get a needed surgery. That is the kind of thing that parents can look forward to under Medicare for All.

As I said earlier, there are, undoubtedly, parts of our healthcare system that can be improved, and the Republicans are, in fact, currently working on legislation to increase access to affordable medication and to address the issue of surprise billing, but the solution is not to destroy our current system and force people to pay more for less choice and worse care.

The Democrats' ideology has outrun their common sense. The Republicans are committed to improving America's healthcare system and preserving Americans' healthcare choices. I hope the Democrats will abandon their plan

for government-controlled healthcare and switch their focus to helping us.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. Kaine. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### ABORTION

Mr. Kaine. Madam President, I rise to speak about the recent uptick in State efforts to criminalize abortion. These proposals, which have been passed in eight States just this year and that have been proposed in many others, impose harsh criminal penalties on women who have abortions or on doctors who terminate pregnancies.

The laws deny women the freedom to make their own healthcare choices. Therefore, they clearly violate the constitutional protections established in *Roe v. Wade* and subsequent cases. In fact, many of the proponents of these laws openly advertise them as being part of a strategy to get the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn *Roe v. Wade* and to return to the days when States used the criminal law to punish women and doctors for contraception and abortion.

Abortion is a contentious issue. People feel so strongly about it. I understand that. I feel strongly about it, too. It can sometimes appear that there is little common ground between people who call themselves pro-choice and people who call themselves pro-life, but there is common ground among so many of us. For example, Americans with many different views on abortion overwhelmingly believe that *Roe v. Wade* should remain the law of the land. More than 70 percent of Americans support the decision and believe it shouldn't be overturned.

People understand that, whatever they think about abortion for themselves and their own families, they do not believe the State should make the decision for every woman. Women should be able to make their own decisions about pregnancy, contraception, and abortion without State interference, and appropriate regulation of abortion, just as of other medical procedures, especially late in a pregnancy when a fetus could survive independently, is allowable as long as the life and health of the mother receive careful protection.

In addition to the support for *Roe v. Wade*, there is also common ground based on data about strategies that work, and I want to offer a common-ground perspective on this issue. There is a way to dramatically reduce abortion in this country that both pro-life and pro-choice should embrace. It is a strategy of compassion. Let me start with a noteworthy fact that is almost never mentioned.

During the last 25 years, which is the time I have been in elected office, the abortion rate in this country has been cut in half. This is remarkable. You never hear this discussed. By 2015, during the Obama administration, the abortion rate in the United States was at its lowest level since *Roe v. Wade* became law. In fact, if you were to just measure it by the data, you could argue that the Obama administration's years were the most pro-life period since *Roe v. Wade*.

Why has this happened?

While there are a number of reasons, the most important one is this: The rate of unplanned pregnancies is decreasing. Teen pregnancies are decreasing. If the number of unplanned pregnancies goes down, the abortion rate goes down. There is a direct connection between unplanned pregnancies and the abortion rate.

So here is the strategy that should unite everyone: Reduce the number of unplanned pregnancies. Could anyone be against that? Reduce the number of unplanned pregnancies.

The good news is that we know how to do it. When women have better access to affordable healthcare, including better access to contraception and better access to comprehensive sex education, the number of unplanned pregnancies goes down, and the number of abortions drops. We know that more women have access to healthcare and contraception today than in the past. The passage of the Affordable Care Act and the 36 States that have expanded Medicaid have provided millions of women with healthcare, so many of whom didn't have it before, including preventive care and contraception access.

Comprehensive sex education for young people also equips them with information that is necessary to avoid unplanned pregnancies. Some young people decide to delay becoming sexually active, and that is great. Some make better choices about contraception to avoid pregnancy, and that is helpful. So education is a key factor as well. Whatever we call ourselves—pro-choice, pro-life, or anything—if we want to keep reducing unplanned pregnancies and, thereby, reducing the abortion rate, guess what. We know just how to do it: Make sure kids get comprehensive sex education so they can make more responsible choices, and keep working to expand healthcare, including access to contraception for women. This is the compassionate way to bring down the abortion rate. It supports women, trusts their decisions, and succeeds in reducing unplanned pregnancies.

Yet here is something that puzzles me. The GOP legislators all across this country have generally opposed, quite bitterly, those proven strategies, and so have many in the pro-life community. The GOP has fought the Affordable Care Act every step of the way, and it now stands squarely behind the effort to repeal the act entirely and



strip healthcare away from millions of women.

The GOP fights against contraception access. Many in the GOP fight against comprehensive sex education. Instead, they push abstinence-only sex education curricula that doesn't work. If the GOP succeeds in killing the ACA and in reducing contraception access, the number of unplanned pregnancies will increase, and the abortion rate will increase. How is that pro-life?

The GOP is now embracing a different strategy—making women and doctors criminals. This is the key unifying cruelty to these recent State laws. GOP-controlled States are racing to see who can have the cruelest criminal laws—a complete ban on abortion at 8 weeks of pregnancy. No, how about a complete ban on abortion at 6 weeks of pregnancy?

In Alabama, there is a ban from the second the pregnancy begins, from the second there is a fetus in utero, and there are no exceptions to someone who is the victim of rape or incest. Think about that. Alabama forces a 13-year-old who was raped or was the victim of incest to bear a criminal's child under pain of criminal prosecution and punishment—imprisonment—for the doctor.

Wait. Let's get tougher still.

In Georgia, women who terminate pregnancies could receive life in prison under a bill that was recently signed by the Georgia Governor. There is some confusion here. Prosecutors argue about whether the technical language would subject a woman who has an abortion to a first-degree murder charge. The sponsor of the bill, now that it has been signed, is backpedaling, saying he only intended for women to be prosecuted under a separate criminal abortion statute that carries a maximum sentence of 10 years. He apparently believes that subjecting women to 10-year prison sentences rather than to life sentences for murder is merciful and lenient. No woman exercising her constitutional right to make her own healthcare decisions should be threatened with a prison sentence of even 1 day.

The GOP could go further.

A Texas bill filed last month would have allowed the death penalty—capital punishment—for a woman who seeks an abortion. The bill failed, but the bill wasn't a surprise from the party whose President admitted during his campaign that a woman who has an abortion must suffer a punishment.

So the GOP's strategy is for more criminal laws, more prosecutions, and more sentences—put more women in prison, and put more doctors in prison. We already have the highest incarceration in the world—five times higher than Canada's and 70 percent higher than Russia's. Guess what. So many of these GOP proposals would push us even further, and the next big group going behind bars could be women and doctors.

These criminal laws don't bring about a culture of life. These criminal

laws don't bring about a culture of compassion. They succeed only in demonizing women, robbing them of their dignity, and intruding upon the most private aspects of their lives, and they demonize the doctors who care for these women.

Do Americans want a society that labels women's healthcare choices as criminal? No.

Is there any proof that criminal penalties for abortion will reduce unplanned pregnancies? No.

Is there any proof that criminal penalties for abortion will reduce the number of abortions? No.

That is what I mean about the choice we face as a society. We can pursue a path of compassion toward women and be secure in the knowledge that better health and contraception access and comprehensive sex education will reduce unplanned pregnancies and abortions, or we can pursue the path of criminalizing women's decisions with there being no evidence that the strategy will have the effect of reducing unplanned pregnancies and abortions.

I have focused most of my attention on the issue of unplanned pregnancies. Of course, some planned pregnancies end in abortion, too. Most often, these pregnancies involve severe maternal or severe fetal health issues that are emotional and tragic for all involved. Certainly, compassion toward these families and not criminal prosecution is the right answer. This question—do we use a compassionate strategy to reduce unplanned pregnancies or do we criminalize women's decisions?—is the fundamental difference between the Nation's two political parties on this very important issue right now.

I am firmly in the camp of compassion. If we support women and trust women, we can keep making significant progress toward a goal we should all share: fewer unplanned pregnancies and fewer abortions.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Illinois.

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, let me say how much I agree with the Senator from Virginia. I endorse completely what he said. I would make one amendment. Instead of just the compassion approach versus the criminal approach, it is the commonsense approach versus the criminal approach as well.

I do believe that the point has been made and demonstrated by what my colleague said here and what he has said in previous meetings that when we invest in family planning and sex education and good healthcare for women, we have fewer unplanned pregnancies and fewer abortions, period. Those policies that militate against that just increase the likelihood of abortion.

Let me also add something that I think pro-life and pro-choice should agree to come to terms with in unity. How in the world can we live in a country—the United States of America—with all its wealth and all its expertise,

and have in the last 25 years the worst incidence of maternal mortality in civilized countries around the world? More women are dying in the United States giving birth today than 25 years ago. Whether you are pro-life or pro-choice, wouldn't you agree this should be a high priority of our government—both parties—to reduce maternal mortality here in the United States?

I might add that infant mortality is still unacceptable in the United States. The rate of it is unacceptable.

Couldn't we agree, pro-life and pro-choice, to come together behind those two?

I am a cosponsor of a bill introduced by Congresswoman ROBIN KELLY of Illinois that she aptly entitled the "MOMMA Act," which will try to deal with maternal mortality issues, particularly as they relate to women of color. And the irony, the surprise is that when you read the data, the incidence of maternal mortality among women of color does not track with poverty and education. It is a racial issue for reasons that are hard to explain, but she addresses it, and I have joined her in that effort.

The other point I would like to make is this: My colleague from Virginia has talked about efforts in State legislatures that have gone to extremes. What I call the Alabama two-step is the second step in that process.

We spend our time day after day, week after week putting men and women on the bench who were proposed by the Trump administration and pushed through as quickly as possible by the Republicans in the Senate who, frankly, are waiting for the day when they will have a chance to endorse, approve these statutes my colleague has described, which are extreme by any definition. That, to me, is problematic and troublesome for us as a nation, that we are moving toward that possibility.

I see that the Senator from South Dakota is on floor, and I believe he has a request to make.

I would like to ask unanimous consent, after his request, to be recognized again.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from South Dakota.

#### UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—S. 151

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that at 12:45 p.m. today, the Senate proceed to legislative session to consider Calendar No. 94, S. 151; I further ask that the committee-reported substitute amendment be agreed to, the bill, as amended, be read a third time, and the Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended, with no intervening action or debate; finally, that if passed, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Illinois.

# IRAN

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, I see another colleague on the floor, so I will make my comments brief.

We had a briefing this week in a room in the Capitol that the public is not allowed to enter; it is called the SCIF. It was a briefing that is given to Members of the Senate of top-secret, classified information. It related to the situation in which we now find ourselves in relation to Iran.

It was troubling to hear the comments being made by the leaders of the Trump administration—the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of State, as well as military leaders and leaders in the intelligence community.

You see, what we are engaging in in the United States is a confrontation with Iran. We are moving toward that. It started with this President's insistence that the United States step away from a treaty entered into by the Obama administration to stop the development of nuclear weapons in Iran.

What President Obama succeeded in doing over many years of diplomatic effort was to come to the table with Iran—an enemy of the United States on many fronts—and to reach an agreement where there would be international inspectors with free access to Iran to make certain they did not develop nuclear weapons. We believed—the world believed that Iran with nuclear weapons would be a danger to the region, a danger to our ally Israel, and even a danger to the United States.

The coalition put together by President Obama was nothing short of remarkable. You wouldn't be surprised to learn the coalition included the United Kingdom, our traditional ally, but it also included Germany, France, the European Union, Russia, and China. Russia and China. All came to the table and agreed on it.

Did it work? International inspectors came and reported to Members of Congress over and over that there were no locked doors, no areas where access was denied, and that they could say with virtual certainty that Iran was living up to the terms of this agreement.

So what did this President, President Trump, decide to do? He canceled U.S. participation in the agreement. Why? Why would he believe that the development of nuclear weapons in Iran is in the best interest of anyone? Yet he did. He followed that with even more provocative efforts in relation to Iran when it came to categorizing the Revolutionary Guard as a terrorist organization—a step that moved even closer to provocation and confrontation. And then, of course, we decided to send our own military closer in to Iran itself. A carrier group was dispatched to that region.

What is behind all this? Why is it that we are escalating the situation

with Iran? The President has been equivocal in trying to explain it, but his National Security Advisor, John Bolton, has not. John Bolton is a hawk. His position and his posture when it comes to military confrontation was so controversial that in a previous administration, he was denied the position of Ambassador to the United Nations because of statements he had made. Now he is the top national security advisor to the President of the United States. He has written articles pleading for confrontation with Iran on a military basis.

Rumors fly out of the Pentagon—this morning's Washington Post suggestion that we are already sending 10,000 more military advisors into the region; a rumor 2 weeks ago that there was a contingency plan for 120,000 American troops. I might add that the Secretary of Defense, in my office this morning, denied both of these, but the fact is, more and more information is tumbling out about a confrontation with Iran.

I will tell you that some of us—a handful of us in the Senate—were here on the Senate floor when we debated and voted on a war in Iraq. It was 18 years ago. We were given information by the Bush administration and particularly Vice President Cheney about the danger of Iraq to the United States of America, to the point where a vote came to the floor, and the Senate approved an invasion of Iraq.

I remember that night. I remember it well. Twenty-three of us—one Republican and twenty-two Democrats—joined together in voting no. It may have been the most important and maybe the best vote I believe I ever cast as a Member of the Senate.

It was a foreign policy mistake to invade Iraq. What followed was a tragedy. We have spent billions and billions of American taxpayers' dollars in that country. We have lost over 4,000 American lives in Iraq, and over 30,000 or 40,000 came home with serious injuries, including my colleague in the Senate, Senator TAMMY DUCKWORTH. We have paid so dearly for that mistake.

The weapons of mass destruction we were sent in to destroy did not exist. What was told to the American people about the danger of Iraq was false—false. We are still there today, 18 years later, as we are in Afghanistan—the two longest wars in the history of the United States of America. Is there anyone who believed when we voted on the Senate floor that we were voting for the longest war in the history of the United States?

Now this administration, the Trump administration, is tempted to draw us into another war in the Middle East. The question is whether Members of the Senate and the House of Representatives will abide by the constitutional responsibility and demand that the American people, through our voices, have something to say about this decision.

If the American people are ready for a war in Iran, I would be shocked. As I

travel around the State of Illinois and other parts of this country, I find no sentiment for the United States to engage in another war at this moment in our history. I also find most people believing that the provocative and confrontational efforts of the Trump administration are drawing us nearer to that day.

So we leave now for a week. We will be back, but what will happen in the 7 or 8 days we are gone? I worry about that based on the briefings we have been given and the appetite of John Bolton and others in this administration to move us into war.

We should not invade Iran. We should not engage in another invasion in the Middle East. We should not subject America's young men and young women to the possibility of military service in another war that can go on indefinitely. There are better ways to deal with this. Let's rely on diplomacy and direct negotiation. Let's work with our allies to bring a peaceable result here and to stop activity which we know Iran is engaged in which is objectionable. It can be done short of invasion, short of military force, and short of war.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oregon.

Mr. MERKLEY. Madam President, I give heartfelt thanks to my colleague from Illinois for bringing the experience of his service in the Senate and his deliberate study of the challenges of international affairs to bear on the gravity of the current situation where a policy has brought us to the brink of conflict and we have no confidence that there is wise judgment being exercised at this moment to ensure that there is not a war.

I thank him for sharing the journey that he has been a part of and that this Chamber has been part of and ringing the alarm bell that at this moment, we have two key foreign policy advisors—our Secretary of State and our National Security Advisor—who prefer weapons over agreements, who have driven a strategy of maximum pressure designed to make life extraordinarily difficult in Iran, to undo all the international work of the previous years to end the nuclear program in that country, and who are talking as if a conflict somewhere—maybe an Iranian militia in Iraq—should be a trigger to a massive war, which is why we are so worried about leaving this Chamber for even a day.

I thank him for raising his voice and sharing his experience.

# TRIBUTE TO LOUIE RECKFORD

Mr. MERKLEY. Madam President, I come to the floor because I am losing a key member of my foreign policy team who has wrestled with the issues of the Middle East and who has been engaged in the dialogue and conversation about a smart policy to end nuclear proliferation.

I can tell you that it is always, for any Senator, a moment that one has a conflicted heart when a man or a woman on their team who has contributed so much and has become part of the family, the Senate family, is ready to take on a new challenge away from these Chambers to develop their skills and to take their experience to a new extended conversation. It is a bitter-sweet moment.

We are proud of what our team members have contributed and proud of what they are going to contribute as they go off to a new responsibility.

Today, that member of my team is Louie Reckford. Louie, seated behind me, first came to my office in the fall of 2013 as part of that semester's intern class, and it wasn't long before he stood out, distinguished himself, and thus, when we were hiring a deputy scheduler the following March, Louie's name was at the top of the list, and he formally became a part of our team.

So for more than 5 years now, he has contributed. He has never stopped distinguishing himself, taking on one task and one position after another and excelling at every one of them. In his 2 years as deputy scheduler, Louie fielded thousands of requests for meetings, from constituents, from nonprofits, from local businesses and more, making sure that every detail was right. His attention to detail and to turnaround time made a very positive impression with all who contacted our office.

Over the last 3 years, he has been an invaluable member of my correspondence and foreign policy team, first as legislative correspondent and later as legislative aide. On top of sending out 181,000 pieces of constituent mail, mail from my office to my constituents, an average of 251 per day—on top of that, he has used his considerable leadership skills and subject-matter experience and strategic negotiating abilities to help pass a host of bills and resolutions in committee and here on the floor. When our foreign policy top staffer was transitioning into a new role as legislative director, he stepped up to fill the gap, helping to manage a team with two foreign policy fellows at that time. I could spend quite a lot more time extolling his list of accomplishments—his instrumental role in planning several international congressional delegations, his role in helping me carve out a new role on the Foreign Relations Committee, and, of course, that vital role of leading our office softball team.

I will just say that Louie will be deeply missed by all members of Team Merkley, and we wish him well in his new adventure with Foreign Policy for America, where he will continue to be an invaluable leader of a myriad number of pressing foreign policy issues confronting our Nation today.

Louie Reckford, we here in the Senate wish you all the best in your next chapter of contributing to solving the complex international issues that face our Nation.

Thank you, Madam President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Vermont.

#### DISASTER RELIEF

Mr. LEAHY. Madam President, the Appropriations Committee staff was working until midnight last night, as they do so often, on the disaster supplement. We know that in January the House sent us a disaster supplemental appropriations bill to help communities across the Nation. These communities were dealing with the deadly aftermath of hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, and volcanoes.

It has been my experience over the years that normally disaster bills sail through both Chambers of Congress. Every Member knows that one day it will be his State or her State that needs help recovering from a disaster.

I well remember when we had a terrible hurricane in Vermont; it created the most damage in generations in our State. The day after the devastation, I went with our Governor and the head of our National Guard in a helicopter to survey the damage. For many towns, the only way we could reach them was in a helicopter. The bridges were like a child's toy, twisted and gone. The roads totally disappeared. Houses were upside down in the river.

It was heartbreaking, but as we were going there, I received email after email. My Senate colleagues, many of them Republicans, said "Vermont stood with us when we had"—and they named the disaster. "We will stand with you." That is what we do. It doesn't make any difference whether you are a Republican or a Democrat; if there is a disaster, you stand together.

What I cannot understand is that in my 44 years here—it was different this time. When we brought up a disaster supplemental appropriations bill in January of this year, the President of the United States came out swinging against it. Why? Because the bill contained assistance for Puerto Rico. Puerto Rico had been hit by 2 back-to-back, category 5 hurricanes, and apparently providing assistance to 3 million Americans in need was a step too far for him. He did not want to provide aid to these Americans. "Not one more dime for Puerto Rico" he was reported to have said—shocking words for somebody who holds the highest office in the land, especially after they had nearly unprecedented back-to-back hurricanes.

From the beginning, I have said what my Republican colleagues and Democratic colleagues have always said. It is a role of the Federal Government to stand by all Americans in times of need. It should not matter whether you are a Georgia peach farmer, a California small business owner, or a child living in San Juan. If your community is devastated by a natural disaster, you are an American, and the American community will stand with you. That is what I have always fought for.

So here we are, 5 months later—5 months of negotiations, 5 months of talks—and we finally reach a deal on a disaster aid bill that helps all—*all* Americans. We don't pick and choose. It is a good deal. It addresses the need from Alabama to California and many States in between. But 5 months is too long to wait. It is far too long for the communities who are trying to rebuild their homes and their towns, so we have to act now.

The President has asked that we add \$4.5 million to the disaster supplemental bill to address the issues that we face at our southern border. I agree with the President that some of this money is badly needed. We don't dispute that. But everyone in this Chamber, Republicans and Democrats, knows that under this President, anything to do with immigration is controversial; it is going to be hotly debated. We have been working night and day to strike a compromise on the President's request. When we finished in the middle of last night, we were close, but we are not there yet.

I hope in the next few hours we can resolve our remaining differences, but if we cannot reach agreement, then at least pass the disaster bill without it today—not tomorrow, not next week, not next month—today. Five months has been too long for America to have to wait.

We have a deal on the disaster aid bill. It is a bipartisan bill. It is supported by Democrats and Republicans. It is ready to go. Let's pass it today, and let's show the American people we stand with them in times of crisis, just as Members of this body stood with my beloved State of Vermont when we were hit. We didn't say we are Republicans or Democrats. We said that we are Americans, and Americans have been hurt, and Americans stand together when we are suffering. Today, Americans are suffering across this country. Let us—as the conscience of the Nation, the U.S. Senate, let us stand with them, and let's get the disaster aid they need.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. SASSE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### RECESS

Mr. SASSE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess until noon today.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 10:57 a.m., recessed until 12 noon and reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mrs. FISCHER).

#### MORNING BUSINESS—Continued

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Tennessee.

### HONORING SERGEANT VERDELL SMITH

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam President, yesterday, Tennesseans were really filled with a bittersweet pride as President Trump awarded posthumously the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor to a heroic Tennessean, Sergeant Verdell Smith.

His watch with the Memphis Police Department ended on June 4, 2016. On that day, an armed gunman stole a car and led Memphis police on a chase into the downtown area. Officer Smith responded to the call and worked quickly to clear the pedestrians from an intersection directly in the path of a speeding car. Then the unthinkable happened. Before the police were able to apprehend him, the gunman crashed through a barrier and fatally struck Officer Smith.

Valor is a word that is defined as "great personal bravery." Valor, you don't hear it a lot, but valor is that great personal bravery in the face of danger, and I think there is no better way to describe the actions of Officer Smith.

I honor him on behalf of all Tennesseans for his service in the U.S. Navy, for his 18 years with the Memphis Police Department, and for his final act of heroism.

### MEMORIAL DAY

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam President, as I reflected on Sergeant Smith's story, I began to think about Memorial Day and the ways we honor the valor of every soldier who has made that ultimate sacrifice. One of the first official Memorial Day observances was in 1868, and it was just over the Potomac River in Arlington National Cemetery. If you have not been there to honor those who have given the ultimate sacrifice, I encourage you to do that.

In 1868, individuals gathered to honor those who had lost their life in the Civil War, and they gathered to decorate the graves of the fallen, both the Union and Confederate soldiers. This set a precedent for what would become a national day of unity. Think about that, a national day of unity, of mourning, and of remembrance. As the years went by, Americans took greater steps to memorialize the fallen and those who have exercised valor and have chosen to make that ultimate sacrifice.

After World War I, observances were expanded to honor those who fell in all American wars. Finally, it was in 1971 that Congress declared Memorial Day to be a national holiday. Since then, each year, at the end of May, cities across the Nation have lowered their flags to half-staff as a silent reminder of the cost of the freedom.

Just like Sergeant Smith, the fallen warriors we honor this Memorial Day made a choice to serve this Nation. They knew it wouldn't be easy. They

knew it would be dangerous or even deadly, but they knew that it would be worth it because it would be a step in preserving freedom and freedom's cause. It is this choice—and the choice to serve bravely and selflessly on behalf of a grateful nation—that we remember, as we debated crucial legislation supporting our Armed Forces.

Memorial Day marks the conclusion of Military Appreciation Month, which has provided each of us an opportunity to unite and reflect upon the heroic courage of all the members of our Armed Forces. We thank them continually for the service they provided and the sacrifices that they and their families make on behalf of this Nation and freedom.

Yesterday, members of the Armed Services Committee—of which Madam President and I are each a member of this committee—completed our first steps in ensuring that this year's National Defense Authorization Act fully funds the resources our military needs to defend against the threats that we face on land, by sea, in air, and of course in the cyber realm. Our proposed \$750 billion national defense budget will more than support this goal and includes a much-needed and well-deserved pay increase for our military men and women.

The NDAA, as it is called in an acronym that we hear around here so regularly, is just one piece of our greater promise to care for soldiers on and off the battlefield. As Members of Congress, we have a duty to keep the promise to those who bravely defend the safety and the security of the American people. Also, we have a responsibility to those whose broken-hearted vigil we join this Memorial Day weekend.

Just as valor lived in the hearts of the fallen, so does their sacrifice endure in the life of every person blessed to call this great country home.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### END MASS DEPORTATION ACT

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. Madam President, I take to the floor today to urge my colleagues to halt the President's indiscriminate deportation regime. This administration is targeting immigrants who are deeply woven into our communities, and this inhumane approach must end.

For 30 years, David Chavez-Macias, who was born in Mexico, lived in Reno, NV. He worked as a landscaper during the week and went to church on Sundays. He raised four children, and he tried to follow the law. He paid his

taxes and hired attorneys to help him become an American citizen. In 2013, he was pulled over for turning left as the street light changed. That traffic stop brought him to the attention of immigration enforcement.

Now, the previous administration had permitted Mr. Chavez-Macias to stay with his family. After all, he had a heart condition that required regular treatment, and he had been a hard-working community member for decades; yet under this administration, David was deported to Mexico, ripping him from his family.

Now, as a granddaughter of immigrants, I understand how much immigrants like David contribute to American communities, and as a native Nevadan—a State where one in five schoolchildren have an undocumented parent—I know how deeply communities are hurt when we drive out longtime members. That is why I am introducing the End Mass Deportation Act to keep the Trump administration from pursuing people like David. This bill will make sure we are not indiscriminately targeting people for deportation who have contributed to their communities for decades.

Just days after taking office, President Trump issued an Executive order that changed our immigration enforcement priorities. He gave ICE the green light to aggressively pursue anyone without papers, not just people who had committed serious crimes or posed a threat to our public safety. My bill rescinds this cruel and counterproductive order.

Now, the Trump administration is deporting people who have lived in the United States—sometimes for decades—playing by the rules, providing for their families, starting businesses, and contributing to their communities. In Nevada, almost 90 percent of undocumented residents have been in the United States for more than 5 years.

These are people who own their own homes. They are people who pay billions of dollars in taxes each year. Their children are citizens, legal permanent residents, and Dreamers. They are our neighbors, our coworkers, and our friends. The impact of this policy on American families has been profound. Since President Trump signed his Executive order, arrests of immigrants without criminal records have tripled.

The End Mass Deportation Act would make the administration focus our law enforcement resources where they should be: on people who pose a legitimate threat to our communities.

Historically, prosecutorial discretion was used to take into account the compelling circumstances of an individual's case, like parents who have U.S. citizen children and strong ties to the community or individuals who have served in our military. As a former prosecutor, I understand what an important law enforcement tool this is.

The President's mass deportation order ends that prosecutorial discretion in our immigration system, taking

valuable time and resources away from pursuing criminals and other security threats. Even worse, the order makes us all less safe because it discourages people without documentation from turning to police to report crime.

Put yourself in the shoes of an undocumented woman who is the victim of domestic violence or someone without papers exploited at the hands of an unscrupulous boss. When those crimes go unreported, our neighborhoods suffer.

Listen, I recognize that we have a broken immigration system, but the way to fix it isn't to persecute people like David whose biggest offense is a traffic ticket. We need to pass comprehensive immigration reform, but until we do and until we can come together in a bipartisan way, we must rescind these Executive orders that are not moving this debate forward in a useful way. Let's reverse this administration's cruel and dangerous policy.

I am the first to tell you—and I see it every single day in my State—immigrants enlarge our vision of who we live with, work with, and worship with. By passing the End Mass Deportation Act, we will remind all Americans that every generation of immigrants enriches the fabric of our Nation and will provide the sense of security that every family with undocumented members needs to thrive. I urge my colleagues to support this act.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. WICKER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

S. 151

Mr. WICKER. Madam President, in a few moments, the Senate will vote on the Telephone Robocall Abuse Criminal Enforcement and Deterrence Act. The shorthand name for that is the TRACED Act. I rise in strong and optimistic support of this legislation at this time. I thank the leadership on both sides of the aisle for working to bring this bill to a vote.

Last month, the people of my State of Mississippi received over 50 million robocalls. That is just in the State of Mississippi, with about 3 million citizens. That is more than 17 robocalls for every man, woman, or child in my State—50 million. Imagine what it is around the country. It is billions and billions.

Some robocalls are legitimate. When we get a reminder from a doctor's office that our appointment is coming soon or when a school activity is canceled, those are welcome. But many are not. Most are not.

Billions and billions of robocalls are scams targeting the most vulnerable

members of our society. These abusive robocalls have plagued Americans for years. Studies show that in my part of the country, the Southeastern United States, they are particularly abusive and pervasive, costing consumers billions of dollars each year and costing our economy billions of dollars each year.

Many of these illegal robocalls use what is referred to as neighbor spoofing, where robocallers somehow manage to use a local number and a local area code in the hope that recipients will be more likely to pick up the phone. The result is many Americans don't answer those phone calls. They just let it ring and see if there is a message. But Americans also miss important calls because of scammers and because this has been hijacked by the extraordinary networks used by these scammers and illegal violators of the law.

The TRACED Act will help. It goes after abusive and illegal robocallers by giving consumers, regulators, and law enforcement tools to fight the people taking advantage of the system. The bill will help the Federal Communications Commission, or the FCC, to crack down on violators, require phone companies to authenticate calls, and require the FCC to consider when and how to make call-blocking services available to customers.

Perhaps the most important part of the TRACED Act is that law enforcement will now join the battle. Under the authority of the U.S. Attorney General, the bill will get law enforcement fully engaged in the fight to prevent and prosecute robocall violations. The American people are ready for this and are demanding this. We can give it to them in just a few moments when we vote on final passage.

The bill will task the Attorney General with providing Congress with the next steps we need to take to stay ahead of the pestilence of illegal robocalls.

I thank the bipartisan leadership in the Commerce Committee for moving this bill forward and the authors, Senator THUNE and Senator MARKEY, for their leadership on this important issue. I thank my ranking member, the Senator from Washington, Ms. CANTWELL, for her help in getting this important piece of legislation approved by a voice vote out of the Commerce Committee. Also, there is a special thank-you to Senator SCHATZ and Senator MORAN for their amendment to the TRACED Act, which improves the FCC's reporting on robocalls and generally makes the bill better.

I predict an overwhelming majority vote for this piece of legislation when it comes up for a vote in just a few moments. My appreciation goes to all of those who have participated. My optimism is that this will soon move to passage in the House of Representatives also.

Thank you.

I see my distinguished colleague from Massachusetts, the sponsor of this legislation.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Massachusetts.

Mr. MARKEY. Madam President, I rise in support of the TRACED Act, a piece of legislation that will help all Americans deal with the epidemic of robocalls, which afflicts them and their families every single day of the year.

I thank Chairman WICKER for all of his assistance in moving this legislation expeditiously through the legislative process.

I thank my partner, Senator THUNE from South Dakota. He and I have worked very hard to reach this moment where Democrats and Republicans can come together on an issue, which we all agree is something that we have to address in a very serious way.

So this question of robocalls and their role in American society, well, it is a daily deluge of calls that Americans experience. It is more than a nuisance in 2019. It is a consumer protection crisis.

Americans across the country face an epidemic of robocalls bombarding landlines and mobile phones. While our phones were once a reliable means of communication, they have been turned against us and are now mechanisms for scammers and fraudsters who wish to do us harm. The numbers are staggering.

In 2018, consumers received an estimated 48 billion robocalls—18 billion more than in 2017. That is 131 million robocalls per day—more than 5 million calls an hour, more than 1,000 calls per second in the United States, and nearly 500 million robocalls to Massachusetts residents alone.

The reality is that we no longer have confidence in our phones. What was once a trusted means of communication, our phone has become a tool for fraud, scams, harassment, and an avenue by which individuals with bad intent can access our homes, our purses, or our pockets at any time.

Caller ID is not trusted. Important calls go unanswered. Innocent Americans are defrauded. Our seniors, in particular, are targeted. Robocalls are a menace. But today, the U.S. Senate is saying loud and clear that robocall relief is in sight.

I am proud to partner with Senator JOHN THUNE from South Dakota on the Telephone Robocall Abuse Criminal Enforcement and Deterrence Act, or TRACED Act. Our legislation cracks down on scammers that now account for nearly one-half of all of the robocalls in our country. It is an unbelievable number. One-half of all of the robocalls are now being delivered by scammers trying to take advantage of innocent Americans.

Years ago, scammers needed expensive, sophisticated equipment to robocall and robotext consumers en masse. Today, they just need a

smartphone to target thousands of phones an hour at literally very little expense. So something has changed, and we know it has changed, and this is our opportunity here today to do something about it.

These new technologies allow illegal robocallers to conduct fraud anonymously, depriving both Federal regulators and consumers the ability to identify and punish the culprit. By passing this legislation today, we are sending a clear message to these fraudulent robocallers: Your days are numbered.

Stopping robocalls requires a simple formula, which we have included in the TRACED Act—authentication, No. 1; blocking, No. 2; and tougher enforcement, No. 3.

First, this bill requires telephone carriers to adopt call authentication technologies so that they can verify that incoming calls are legitimate or authentic before they reach consumers' phones. This must be mandatory for every single phone carrier in the United States.

Second, the Federal Communications Commission must require callers to block unverified calls—fake calls—something the Commission has yet to do.

Third, we need to increase from 1 year to 3 years the time for the Federal Communications Commission to pursue penalties for robocallers that intentionally violate the rules. That is the recipe for success, and that is what the TRACED Act does.

This bill we will vote on today has enormous support across the country: 54 State and Territory attorneys general, all of the Commissioners at the Federal Communications Commission and at the Federal Trade Commission, major industry associations, and leading consumer groups endorse the legislation and agree that the TRACED Act is an essential weapon in combating the rise of illegal, fraudulent robocalls.

Senator THUNE and I are joined by over 80 of our colleagues in support of this bill. This is not a liberal or a conservative issue; it is an "everyone" issue. It affects the elderly, the young, the small business owner, and the student. Our grandparents, our neighbors, our teachers, and our coworkers—today, no one is spared from this consumer protection pandemic.

Senator THUNE and I have worked together, but it would not have been possible without the great work of groups like the National Consumer Law Center, AARP, Consumer Reports, Consumer Federation of America, Consumer Action, the National Association of Attorneys General, USTelecom, CTIA, NTCA, and so, so many more. These groups joined the chorus of

countless Americans who have raised their voices and called on Congress to pass this bipartisan, commonsense legislation, and we thank each and every one of them.

There are no blue robocalls. There are no red robocalls. All there are are robocalls attacking every home in our country and every person walking around with a wireless device on their person. This is something that we finally have a chance today to do something about—to pass meaningful legislation that will begin this process of curtailing this scourge of robocalls that is an abuse of every single American every single day of the year.

We thank everyone for all of their great work on this issue. Again, I thank my great partner, JOHN THUNE, and his staff for their partnership on this legislation. I thank my staff—Joey Wender, who is sitting out here on the floor; Daniel Greene; and, as well, Bennett Butler, who is sitting right behind me. They worked on a bipartisan basis with Republican staffers to craft this very important piece of legislation. Again, I thank Senator THUNE and I thank Senator WICKER for ensuring that America now has a chance to see that this body is going to work to begin an end to this epidemic.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority whip.

Mr. THUNE. I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, pretty much every American has had to deal with illegal robocalls. How many times have you answered the phone only to discover it is an automated message saying that you have won a contest that you never entered or asking you to provide personal information like your bank account or Social Security number?

Illegal robocalls, I think we can all agree, are a major nuisance, and too often they are not just a nuisance. Scammers use these calls to successfully prey on vulnerable populations like elderly Americans who are sometimes less technologically savvy. Scammers target the kind of personal information that can be used to steal your money and your identity, and when scammers are successful, the consequences for their victims can be devastating.

Well, there are laws and fines in place right now to prevent scam artists from preying on Americans through

the telephone. These measures have been insufficient. In many cases, robocall scammers simply build the current fines into the cost of doing business. On top of this, the Federal Communications Commission's enforcement efforts are hampered by a tight time window for pursuing violators.

That is why I introduced the legislation before us today, the Telephone Robocall Abuse Criminal Enforcement and Deterrence Act, or the TRACED Act, along with my fellow Commerce Committee member, Senator MARKEY. The TRACED Act provides tools to discourage illegal robocalls, protect consumers, and crack down on offenders. It expands the window in which the FCC can pursue intentional scammers from 1 year to 3 years, and in years 2 and 3, increases the financial penalty for those individuals making robocalls from zero dollars to \$10,000 per call to make it more difficult for robocallers just to figure fines into the cost of doing business.

It also requires telephone service providers to adopt new call verification technologies that would help prevent illegal robocalls from reaching consumers in the first place. And, importantly, it convenes a working group with representatives from the Department of Justice, the FCC, the Federal Trade Commission, the Department of Commerce, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, State attorneys general, and others to identify ways to criminally prosecute illegal robocalling.

Criminal prosecution of illegal robocalling can be challenging. Scammers are frequently based abroad and can quickly shut down shop before authorities have a chance to get to them, but we need to find ways to hold scammers criminally accountable. When scammers are successful, they can destroy people's lives, and they should face criminal prosecution for the damage they do.

I am very pleased that the TRACED Act has attracted a tremendous amount of support from Members of both parties. In fact, 84 Senators have signed on as cosponsors of this bill. I am especially grateful to Senator MARKEY for partnering with me on this legislation. I appreciate Chairman WICKER and Ranking Member CANTWELL for prioritizing this bill as they have assumed the reins at the Commerce Committee.

I am also very pleased that this bill has attracted tremendous support from State governments and industry and consumer groups. All 50 State attorneys general support this bill, and it



has been embraced by the AARP, Verizon, AT&T, CTIA, USTelecom, NTCA, Consumer Reports, and a number of other organizations. It is also supported by all of the current Commissioners at the Federal Trade Commission and the Federal Communications Commission.

I think we all know that the TRACED Act will not prevent all illegal robocalling. I think we can all agree it is a big step in the right direction. It will make life a lot more difficult for scam artists and help ensure that more scammers face punishment for their crimes. I am excited the full Senate is voting on this bill today, and I hope that the House will quickly take it up so that we can get this legislation to the President's desk.

Before I close, I would be remiss if I didn't quickly thank several staff members whose tireless efforts helped get us here today. In my office, I recognize and thank Alex Sachtlein and Nick Rossi. I am thankful for their dedication and expertise. I thank Dan Ball and Crystal Tully, who serve on Chairman WICKER's team at the Commerce Committee, Daniel Greene on Senator MARKEY's staff, and John Branscome and Shawn Bone on Ranking Member CANTWELL's staff. This truly was a team effort. I am glad that we have an opportunity to do something that in a very big bipartisan way will start putting steps forward that will help prevent something that has become a scourge in the lives of so many Americans.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Massachusetts.

Mr. MARKEY. Thank you, Madam President.

Again, I want to thank the Senator from South Dakota for his great leadership on this legislation. I think it is a start. It is a revolution in the telecommunications industry that we are going to be voting on here today.

I want to thank you so much for your great leadership.

Once again, I thank Senator WICKER and Senator CANTWELL for helping to bring this out here to let the American people know we are going to take action to stop this plague from affecting their families.

Thank you so much.

Mr. THUNE. I appreciate the comments from the Senator from Massachusetts and also his great work on this. It has been a team effort and a great partnership. He and I—although in many cases we represent different parts of the country, we all represent constituents who care deeply about this issue and want to see their Congress do something about it.

I want to thank the chairman and the ranking member of the committee.

Madam President, I yield the floor.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to legislative session.

#### TELEPHONE ROBOCALL ABUSE CRIMINAL ENFORCEMENT AND DETERRENCE ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of S. 151.

The clerk will report the bill by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 151) to deter criminal robocall violations and improve enforcement of section 227(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, and for other purposes.

Thereupon, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

##### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Telephone Robocall Abuse Criminal Enforcement and Deterrence Act" or the "TRACED Act".

##### SEC. 2. FORFEITURE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 227 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 227) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b), by adding at the end the following:

“(4) CIVIL FORFEITURE.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Any person that is determined by the Commission, in accordance with paragraph (3) or (4) of section 503(b), to have violated any provision of this subsection shall be liable to the United States for a forfeiture penalty pursuant to section 503(b)(1). The amount of the forfeiture penalty determined under this subparagraph shall be determined in accordance with subparagraphs (A) through (F) of section 503(b)(2).

“(B) VIOLATION WITH INTENT.—Any person that is determined by the Commission, in accordance with paragraph (3) or (4) of section 503(b), to have violated this subsection with the intent to cause such violation shall be liable to the United States for a forfeiture penalty. The amount of the forfeiture penalty determined under this subparagraph shall be equal to an amount determined in accordance with subparagraphs (A) through (F) of section 503(b)(2) plus an additional penalty not to exceed \$10,000.

“(C) RECOVERY.—Any forfeiture penalty determined under subparagraph (A) or (B) shall be recoverable under section 504(a).

“(D) PROCEDURE.—No forfeiture liability shall be determined under subparagraph (A) or (B) against any person unless such person receives the notice required by paragraph (3) or (4) of section 503(b).

“(E) STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.—No forfeiture penalty shall be determined or imposed against any person—

“(i) under subparagraph (A) if the violation charged occurred more than 1 year prior to the date of issuance of the required notice or notice of apparent liability; and

“(ii) under subparagraph (B) if the violation charged occurred more than 3 years prior to the date of issuance of the required notice or notice of apparent liability.

“(F) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the Commission may not determine or impose a forfeiture penalty on a person under both subparagraphs (A) and (B) based on the same conduct.”; and

(2) by striking subsection (h) and inserting the following:

“(h) TCPA ENFORCEMENT REPORT.—The Commission shall submit an annual report to Congress regarding the enforcement during the preceding year of laws, regulations, and policies relating to robocalls and spoofed calls, which report shall include—

“(1) the number of complaints received by the Commission during the year alleging that a consumer received a robocall or spoofed call;

“(2) the number of citations issued by the Commission pursuant to section 503 during the year to enforce any law, regulation, or policy relating to a robocall or spoofed call;

“(3) the number of notices of apparent liability issued by the Commission pursuant to section 503 during the year to enforce any law, regulation, or policy relating to a robocall or spoofed call; and

“(4) for each notice referred to in paragraph (3)—

“(A) the amount of the proposed forfeiture penalty involved;

“(B) the person to whom the notice was issued; and

“(C) the status of the proceeding.”.

(b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by this section shall not affect any action or proceeding commenced before and pending on the date of enactment of this Act.

(c) DEADLINE FOR REGULATIONS.—The Federal Communications Commission shall prescribe regulations to implement the amendments made by this section not later than 270 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

##### SEC. 3. CALL AUTHENTICATION.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) STIR/SHAKEN AUTHENTICATION FRAMEWORK.—The term “STIR/SHAKEN authentication framework” means the secure telephone identity revisited and signature-based handling of asserted information using tokens standards proposed by the information and communications technology industry.

(2) VOICE SERVICE.—The term “voice service”—

(A) means any service that is interconnected with the public switched telephone network and that furnishes voice communications to an end user using resources from the North American Numbering Plan or any successor to the North American Numbering Plan adopted by the Commission under section 251(e)(1) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 251(e)(1)); and

(B) includes—

(i) transmissions from a telephone facsimile machine, computer, or other device to a telephone facsimile machine; and

(ii) without limitation, any service that enables real-time, two-way voice communications, including any service that requires internet protocol-compatible customer premises equipment (commonly known as “CPE”) and permits outbound calling, whether or not the service is one-way or two-way voice over internet protocol.

(b) AUTHENTICATION FRAMEWORK.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Federal Communications Commission shall require a provider of voice service to implement the STIR/SHAKEN authentication framework in the internet protocol networks of the voice service provider.

(2) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Federal Communications Commission shall not take the action described in paragraph (1) if the Commission determines that a provider of voice service, not later than 12 months after the date of enactment of this Act—

(A) has adopted the STIR/SHAKEN authentication framework for calls on the internet protocol networks of the voice service provider;

(B) has agreed voluntarily to participate with other providers of voice service in the STIR/SHAKEN authentication framework;

(C) has begun to implement the STIR/SHAKEN authentication framework; and

(D) will be capable of fully implementing the STIR/SHAKEN authentication framework not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act.

(3) IMPLEMENTATION REPORT.—Not later than 12 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Federal Communications Commission

shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives a report on the determination required under paragraph (2), which shall include—

(A) an analysis of the extent to which providers of a voice service have implemented the STIR/SHAKEN authentication framework, including whether the availability of necessary equipment and equipment upgrades has impacted such implementation; and

(B) an assessment of the efficacy of the STIR/SHAKEN authentication framework, as being implemented under this section, in addressing all aspects of call authentication.

(4) REVIEW AND REVISION OR REPLACEMENT.—Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act, and every 3 years thereafter, the Federal Communications Commission, after public notice and an opportunity for comment, shall—

(A) assess the efficacy of the call authentication framework implemented under this section;

(B) based on the assessment under subparagraph (A), revise or replace the call authentication framework under this section if the Commission determines it is in the public interest to do so; and

(C) submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives a report on the findings of the assessment under subparagraph (A) and on any actions to revise or replace the call authentication framework under subparagraph (B).

(5) EXTENSION OF IMPLEMENTATION DEADLINE.—The Federal Communications Commission may extend any deadline for the implementation of a call authentication framework required under this section by 12 months or such further amount of time as the Commission determines necessary if the Commission determines that purchasing or upgrading equipment to support call authentication, or lack of availability of such equipment, would constitute a substantial hardship in meeting such deadline for a provider or category of providers of voice service.

(c) SAFE HARBOR AND OTHER REGULATIONS.—(1) IN GENERAL.—The Federal Communications Commission shall promulgate rules—

(A) establishing when a provider of voice service may block a voice call based, in whole or in part, on information provided by the call authentication framework under subsection (b);

(B) establishing a safe harbor for a provider of voice service from liability for unintended or inadvertent blocking of calls or for the unintended or inadvertent misidentification of the level of trust for individual calls based, in whole or in part, on information provided by the call authentication framework under subsection (b); and

(C) establishing a process to permit a calling party adversely affected by the information provided by the call authentication framework under subsection (b) to verify the authenticity of the calling party's calls.

(2) CONSIDERATIONS.—In establishing the safe harbor under paragraph (1), the Federal Communications Commission shall consider limiting the liability of a provider of voice service based on the extent to which the provider of voice service—

(A) blocks or identifies calls based, in whole or in part, on the information provided by the call authentication framework under subsection (b);

(B) implemented procedures based, in whole or in part, on the information provided by the call authentication framework under subsection (b); and

(C) used reasonable care.

(d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall preclude the Federal Communications Commission from initiating a rulemaking pursuant to its existing statutory authority.

#### SEC. 4. PROTECTIONS FROM SPOOFED CALLS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, and consistent with the call authentication framework under section 3, the Federal Communications Commission shall initiate a rulemaking to help protect a subscriber from receiving unwanted calls or text messages from a caller using an unauthenticated number.

(b) CONSIDERATIONS.—In promulgating rules under subsection (a), the Federal Communications Commission shall consider—

(1) the Government Accountability Office report on combating the fraudulent provision of misleading or inaccurate caller identification required by section 503(c) of division P of the Consolidated Appropriations Act 2018 (Public Law 115-141);

(2) the best means of ensuring that a subscriber or provider has the ability to block calls from a caller using an unauthenticated North American Numbering Plan number;

(3) the impact on the privacy of a subscriber from unauthenticated calls;

(4) the effectiveness in verifying the accuracy of caller identification information; and

(5) the availability and cost of providing protection from the unwanted calls or text messages described in subsection (a).

#### SEC. 5. INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General, in consultation with the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, shall convene an interagency working group to study Government prosecution of violations of section 227(b) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 227(b)).

(b) DUTIES.—In carrying out the study under subsection (a), the interagency working group shall—

(1) determine whether, and if so how, any Federal laws, including regulations, policies, and practices, or budgetary or jurisdictional constraints inhibit the prosecution of such violations;

(2) identify existing and potential Federal policies and programs that encourage and improve coordination among Federal departments and agencies and States, and between States, in the prevention and prosecution of such violations;

(3) identify existing and potential international policies and programs that encourage and improve coordination between countries in the prevention and prosecution of such violations; and

(4) consider—

(A) the benefit and potential sources of additional resources for the Federal prevention and prosecution of criminal violations of that section;

(B) whether to establish memoranda of understanding regarding the prevention and prosecution of such violations between—

(i) the States;

(ii) the States and the Federal Government; and

(iii) the Federal Government and a foreign government;

(C) whether to establish a process to allow States to request Federal subpoenas from the Federal Communications Commission;

(D) whether extending civil enforcement authority to the States would assist in the successful prevention and prosecution of such violations;

(E) whether increased forfeiture and imprisonment penalties are appropriate, such as extending imprisonment for such a violation to a term longer than 2 years;

(F) whether regulation of any entity that enters into a business arrangement with a common carrier regulated under title II of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 201 et seq.) for the specific purpose of carrying, routing, or transmitting a call that constitutes such a violation would assist in the successful prevention and prosecution of such violations; and

(G) the extent to which, if any, Department of Justice policies to pursue the prosecution of violations causing economic harm, physical danger, or erosion of an inhabitant's peace of mind and sense of security inhibits the prevention or prosecution of such violations.

(c) MEMBERS.—The interagency working group shall be composed of such representatives of Federal departments and agencies as the Attorney General considers appropriate, such as—

(1) the Department of Commerce;

(2) the Department of State;

(3) the Department of Homeland Security;

(4) the Federal Communications Commission;

(5) the Federal Trade Commission; and

(6) the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

(d) NON-FEDERAL STAKEHOLDERS.—In carrying out the study under subsection (a), the interagency working group shall consult with such non-Federal stakeholders as the Attorney General determines have the relevant expertise, including the National Association of Attorneys General.

(e) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 270 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the interagency working group shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives a report on the findings of the study under subsection (a), including—

(1) any recommendations regarding the prevention and prosecution of such violations; and

(2) a description of what progress, if any, relevant Federal departments and agencies have made in implementing the recommendations under paragraph (1).

#### SEC. 6. ACCESS TO NUMBER RESOURCES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) EXAMINATION OF FCC POLICIES.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Federal Communications Commission shall commence a proceeding to determine whether Federal Communications Commission policies regarding access to number resources, including number resources for toll free and non-toll free telephone numbers, could be modified, including by establishing registration and compliance obligations, to help reduce access to numbers by potential perpetrators of violations of section 227(b) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 227(b)).

(2) REGULATIONS.—If the Federal Communications Commission determines under paragraph (1) that modifying the policies described in that paragraph could help achieve the goal described in that paragraph, the Commission shall prescribe regulations to implement those policy modifications.

(b) AUTHORITY.—Any person who knowingly, through an employee, agent, officer, or otherwise, directly or indirectly, by or through any means or device whatsoever, is a party to obtaining number resources, including number resources for toll free and non-toll free telephone numbers, from a common carrier regulated under title II of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 201 et seq.), in violation of a regulation prescribed under subsection (a) of this section, shall, notwithstanding section 503(b)(5) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 503(b)(5)), be subject to a forfeiture penalty under section 503 of that Act. A forfeiture penalty under this subsection shall be in addition to any other penalty provided for by law.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the committee-reported substitute amendment is agreed to.

The committee-reported amendment in the nature of a substitute was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the title of the bill for the third time.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading and was read the third time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill having been read the third time, the question is, Shall the bill, as amended, pass?

Mr. WICKER. Madam President, I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS).

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. YOUNG). Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 97, nays 1, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 127 Leg.]

#### YEAS—97

Alexander	Gardner	Portman
Baldwin	Gillibrand	Reed
Barrasso	Graham	Risch
Bennet	Grassley	Roberts
Blackburn	Harris	Romney
Blumenthal	Hassan	Rosen
Blunt	Hawley	Rubio
Booker	Heinrich	Sanders
Boozman	Hirono	Sasse
Braun	Hoeven	Schatz
Brown	Hyde-Smith	Schumer
Burr	Isakson	Scott (FL)
Cantwell	Johnson	Scott (SC)
Capito	Jones	Shaheen
Cardin	Kaine	Shelby
Carper	Kennedy	Sinema
Casey	King	Smith
Cassidy	Klobuchar	Stabenow
Collins	Lankford	Sullivan
Coons	Leahy	Tester
Cornyn	Lee	Thune
Cortez Masto	Manchin	Tillis
Cotton	Markey	Toomey
Cramer	McConnell	Udall
Crapo	McSally	Van Hollen
Cruz	Menendez	Warner
Daines	Merkley	Warren
Duckworth	Moran	Whitehouse
Durbin	Murkowski	Wicker
Enzi	Murphy	Wyden
Ernst	Murray	Young
Feinstein	Perdue	
Fischer	Peters	

#### NAYS—1

Paul

#### NOT VOTING—2

Inhofe Rounds

The bill (S. 151), as amended, was passed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table.

The Senator from Texas.

#### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### MEMORIAL DAY

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, this is the weekend before Memorial Day, and we will be honoring the brave men and women who have served our Nation and who gave their lives to protect the very freedoms that we enjoy today.

Ronald Reagan said:

Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same.

Our Nation is incredibly fortunate and grateful to have had no shortage of those who are ready to lead that fight. Throughout our history, brave men and women have answered the call to serve our country. Whether they answered the call nearly 250 years ago to fight for our independence or in recent years to combat the global threat of terrorism, all of them are our heroes.

I have always had tremendous admiration for our servicemembers—something instilled in me from an early age because of my dad's military service. He was a B-17 pilot in the Army Air Corps and flew with the Hell's Angels in the 303rd Bomb Group out of the 8th Air Force in World War II. On his 26th mission over Germany, after leaving the base in Molesworth, England, and flying over the English Channel to Germany, he was shot down and captured as a prisoner of war. By the grace of God, he survived the Nazi prison camp where he was interned for the last 4 months of the war.

My dad went on to serve in the Air Force for 31 years and retired as what we affectionately called a full-bird colonel. Both during and after his service, he was an unabashed patriot and demonstrated every day to us, his children and family, what it meant to selflessly serve your country.

While my dad made it home after the war, many of his friends and comrades did not. Like the great soldiers before them, and many after, they laid down their lives in service to our country and the values we embrace as a nation.

This Memorial Day, we remember the fallen and thank them for the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our way of life. We mourn their loss and celebrate the great gift they have bestowed upon us and the freedoms they protected.

Since last Memorial Day, we have lost some incredible servicemembers who call Texas home. In December, we said good-bye to Richard Overton, American's oldest World War II veteran. At the ripe old age of 112, he had a lot of wisdom to share, including a few unlikely tips for living a long life, like enjoying a little bit of whiskey in your morning coffee and smoking cigars.

In April, we mourned the loss of Richard Cole, the 103-year-old World War II veteran who was part of the Doolittle Raiders. He and his brothers in arms carried out a strike on factories and military installations in Tokyo, against enormous odds, providing a desperately needed morale boost after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Just last week, we said farewell to another member of the Greatest Generation, 100-year-old Bill Hayes. Colonel Hayes was one of the last living Pearl Harbor veterans and spent nearly four decades serving in the U.S. Army.

While we honor those who served in the past, we also celebrate those serving now and the young men and women who one day will put on a uniform.

In just a few days, I will have the privilege of speaking to young Texans who will be attending one of our country's five prestigious military service academies. I hold the sendoff each year in Texas to meet the next generation of our military leaders and to thank them for their willingness to serve our country in uniform.

Today, in advance of this holiday weekend, I would like to say thank you to the men and women stationed across my State and the veterans who call Texas home.

On behalf of a grateful nation, thank you to all the brave men and women who lost their lives while fighting for our freedoms. We will never forget your service or your sacrifice.

#### DISASTER RELIEF

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, on another matter, we were all hoping that the Senate would soon be able to vote on a disaster aid bill that would send funds to States throughout the Southeast and Midwest that continue to battle with the impacts of severe weather.

When a hurricane, tornado, wildfire, or whatever the case may be, hits your State, securing funds to help with relief and recovery becomes priority No. 1. I know because after Texas was hit by Hurricane Harvey in 2017, I worked with the entire bipartisan Texas delegation to secure funding that would help both with the immediate aftermath and long-term recovery and rebuilding efforts.

We received tremendous support from our colleagues here in Congress, as well as President Trump, in making sure that Texas communities had the funding and resources they needed. Our State has made a great deal of progress since Hurricane Harvey hit, and most Texans have returned to some sense of normalcy, but the recovery process is not over.

In February of last year, Congress appropriated more than \$28 billion in community development block grants for disaster recovery, with roughly \$12 billion intended specifically for mitigation purposes. About \$4 billion of that was designated for Texas to fund projects that will improve resiliency and help us prepare for future storms. But as Texans who continue to recover from Hurricane Harvey have learned, getting a disaster relief bill passed in Congress and signed by the President doesn't mean the check is in the mail.

It has now been 15 months since that bill was signed, and Texans haven't seen a penny of it. Despite numerous attempts to get the funding untangled from the redtape at the Office of Management and Budget, we are still waiting.

That is simply not acceptable. It is not acceptable to me, it is not acceptable to Texans still in need, and it shouldn't be acceptable to the U.S. Congress.

I recently introduced a bill that would ensure that the Office of Management and Budget wouldn't stand between communities impacted by disaster and vital funding appropriated and approved by Congress. Once signed into law, it would establish a "shot clock" requiring the Office of Management and Budget to release funds appropriated by Congress within 90 days.

This change would apply not only to this particular block of funding but to any funds appropriated to the States which are being withheld by the Office of Management and Budget.

With hurricane season just about a week away, there could not be a more critical time to act.

It is important for us to come together in a bipartisan agreement that can pass the Senate and the House and get the President's signature. I hope that those who are negotiating this disaster relief bill, including this shot clock provision, will continue to negotiate in good faith so we can reach a compromise and reach a result soon.

Communities across our country need this money for disaster recovery and mitigation, and they are simply tired of waiting for Congress to act. I am hopeful that any agreement will include this shot clock provision so we can finally get the roughly \$4 billion in disaster mitigation funding untangled from Washington redtape and get it to the Texans who desperately need it.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Connecticut

#### MEMORIAL DAY

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I am very proud to be in this Chamber. I am always enormously grateful to be in this body, but especially so at the beginning of this Memorial Day weekend, when we celebrate the patriotism and dedication of our brave men and women in uniform—patriots who serve our country in so many different ways, as teachers and firefighters and police—and the values that bring us together always as Americans. What we share is a dedication to the rule of law, basic rights, which are the reason that our forbearers and this generation have fought in parts of the world whose names we can barely pronounce.

We celebrate those values and the rule of law in our Constitution on this day, as we do every day this weekend, as every weekend, because they guarantee the rights that enable us to march in parades when we wish, gather with our families, worship, and speak as we please.

They guarantee also the rights to privacy that are at the core of our Constitution—the right to be let alone from governmental interference; the rights that literally ignited the passion

and fight for freedom in this country; the right of people to control their destinies, their futures, their bodies.

Those rights are imperiled today as never before. We are in a dark and dangerous time in this country with the passage of laws in Alabama and Missouri, Kentucky and Ohio, and in other States around the country, where the rights of women are under assault.

But let me say to the men of America, those rights are as important to you, and that assault on rights is as critical to you as they are to the women of America. Women's healthcare is under attack. Women's reproductive rights are under assault, and that means that all rights and all healthcare are gravely threatened. All of our rights are under attack. That is the reason today I am introducing the Women's Health Protection Act with my great colleague and friend Senator BALDWIN of Wisconsin and, in the House of Representatives, CHU, FRANKEL, and FUDGE, who led this effort there. We have actually reintroduced it. It has been a longstanding effort of mine and theirs, and my own commitment to this cause dates from my law clerkship to Harry Blackmun on the U.S. Supreme Court, the year after he wrote the majority opinion in *Roe v. Wade*.

I am proud to be a man standing for women's healthcare because women's healthcare rights are human rights, and the men of America need to hear loud and clear that their stake in this fight is as big as anyone's, because this fight and this debate and this war on women's healthcare endanger and imperil all of our rights in America.

The Women's Health Protection Act protects a woman's constitutional right to access an abortion. It is a right that is absolutely central to her economic well-being, her mental and physical health, and her freedom—no matter where she lives, no matter what her ZIP code is, no matter what her income, race, or religion is. And it is true of men, as well, that regardless of where we live or who we think we are, those rights are critical to our lives too.

The Women's Health Protection Act is designed to protect the healthcare providers—some of the real heroes of women's healthcare, who are delivering the best care they can, the care their patients want and need—from absurd and medically unnecessary requirements. These so-called protections for women that States have enacted relating to the width of hallways in clinics or admitting privileges or waiting periods are a pretext. They are a disguise, a ruse to restrict women's rights to healthcare.

Under the Women's Health Protection Act, no State—none—can restrict women's healthcare by judging the width of hallways or doctors' privileges or any of those supposed protections, which are really pretexts. And those pushing unconstitutional restrictions will no longer be able to disguise their

morally repugnant efforts as protecting women's healthcare, when, really, they want to take it away.

The attack on women's rights that we saw last week in Alabama was only the most extreme and restrictive of a line of actions—demagogic and draconian actions—in our State legislatures around the country. But they have created fear, and they have created disparate effect, so that women are apprehensive and anxious. And they should be.

They are angry, and that is absolutely right. We all should be angry. We all have a responsibility to stand up and fight back, because these laws cannot stand in our country.

We will fight them in the courts. We will fight them in the statehouses, and we will fight them here in the Senate and in the House, as we are doing with the Women's Health Protection Act.

These radical and unconstitutional extreme measures, which simply tell a woman when she can become pregnant, involve the Government controlling her body, which is against the fundamental guarantee of our Constitution in the right to be let alone from unwarranted and illegal Government interference.

We have had enough of the dangerous and deadly attacks on women. We have had it with the meddling politicians who are getting between women and their own personal healthcare decisions, interfering with women's rights to consult their doctors, their families, their counselors, and their faith leaders. We have had it with contemptible assaults on women's freedom and futures.

When I worked for Justice Harry Blackmun, I remember we thought at the time: All done. All settled. No more issues with a woman's right to reproductive rights.

*Roe v. Wade* was the decisive opinion of the U.S. Supreme Court, the law of the land, then and thereafter.

Here we are, decades later, still fighting this needless and senseless battle for a woman's right to privacy and freedom, because there are groups and individuals in this country who want to defy the U.S. Constitution. *Roe v. Wade* was correctly decided. The U.S. Supreme Court has reaffirmed it in its progeny.

Nominees to the courts coming before the Judiciary Committee have refused to answer my question about whether it was correctly decided, but the fact of the matter is, it was, it will be, and it will remain. But the courage and strength of women still to assert their rights, of providers who give them the care they need, of clinic access escorts who every day put their well-being on the line, of the groups like the Center for Reproductive Rights and Planned Parenthood, which advocate tirelessly, and of the heroes who keep up the fight and the flame should inspire us in this Chamber to say: Enough is enough. Let's pass the Women's Health Protection Act so

women no longer fear that their rights will be imperiled regardless of where they live and where they come from.

We will not be silent. We will not stop fighting. We will not give up, and we are not going away.

Thank you, Mr. President.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Maine.

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

(The remarks of Senator COLLINS and Senator SMITH pertaining to the submission of S. 1657 are printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

Ms. SMITH. I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Maryland.

#### PRESIDENTIAL PARDONS

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, media outlets have begun reporting that President Trump is looking into granting pardons to certain military personnel who have been convicted of committing war crimes in both Iraq and Afghanistan. If these reports are true, I find this to be most troubling.

I have an article here that appeared CNN that says:

The idea of pardons of accused servicemembers who have not yet gone to trial and been convicted that is raising the most concern from some military law experts.

The United States' global influence is due, in large part, to its reputation for upholding human rights and adhering to international humanitarian law and the law of armed conflict, otherwise known as the law of war. As Stephen Preston, a former general counsel of the Department of Defense, wrote in the Department of Defense's Law of War Manual:

The law of war is part of who we are . . . the laws of war have shaped the U.S. Armed Forces as much as they have shaped any other armed force in the world . . . The law of war is a part of our military heritage, and obeying it is the right thing to do . . . the self-control needed to refrain from violations of law of war under the stresses of combat is the same good order and discipline necessary to operate cohesively and victoriously in battle.

Five interdependent principles serve as the foundation of the law of war: military necessity, humanity, proportionality, distinction, and honor. These principles are pillars of America's moral standing in the world that allow our military to be the most lethal fighting force against our adversaries but also the most respected and revered by citizens of the world.

The principles of the law of war are aligned with the constitutional values that our Founding Fathers set forth

and that all generations of U.S. military servicemembers have sworn an oath to uphold and defend against all enemies, foreign and domestic.

Department of Defense policy states that "each member of the armed services has a duty to: (1) comply with the law of war in good faith; and (2) refuse to comply with clearly illegal orders to commit violations of the law of war." By virtue of their oath and training, members of the U.S. military are accountable for their individual and collective actions through the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

The U.S. Government is also obligated to implement and enforce the law of war as required by our Nation's own domestic laws, policies, regulations, orders, and by the multiple treaty obligations we have with other countries.

U.S. military members who are investigated and convicted of violating the law of war, through the prescribed Department of Defense investigative and judicial procedures, have violated international and domestic laws and have failed to uphold their oath and professional ethics. Whether it was My Lai during Vietnam or Abu Ghraib in Iraq, we have seen how the horrific acts committed by a small group of rogue actors can strategically diminish America's global standing, moral leadership, and strengthen our enemies.

We Americans combat extremism, tyranny, and hate to preserve our way of life. Under no circumstance is adapting to the behaviors of our worst adversaries ever justified—ever. If we willfully allow our institutions or the individuals within them to deviate from the laws and standards of conduct that underpin our great Nation, then we lose our way, and the world loses its champion of righteousness and internationally recognized norms and values.

I do not believe anyone in this Chamber disagrees with the laws and values of this country. The matter at hand is whether we will hold people accountable who violate those laws and fail to act on behalf of America with honor. To me, the right answer is very clear: The United States will not willfully commit or condone war crimes, and we must bring those who do commit them to justice regardless of citizenship, affiliation, or background. That is what we stand for as a nation. Those are our values, and that is America's leadership.

Even in the fog of war—especially in the fog of war—we must endeavor to act with the moral clarity that distinguishes the United States of America as a shining city upon a hill.

With that, I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alaska.

#### THE ARCTIC

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I have asked for a few moments on the floor today to speak about an issue I

care about deeply. It is a part of the globe, a part of the world that, in my view, is truly evolving and is as dynamic an area as anyplace on planet Earth. This is the Arctic.

The Arctic is growing in prominence around the globe. Countries like China, India, and Germany have taken a keen interest in what happens in the far north.

I have had many colleagues ask me: Why should a Senator from, say, the State of Indiana care about the Arctic?

I guess my rhetorical answer would be this: Well, why should China care about the Arctic? Why should Japan, Germany, and India care about the Arctic? If they are paying attention to it, shouldn't we, as an Arctic nation that actually has territory in the Arctic, be interested and focused on this as well?

To be fair, we have made some good progress this year. I appreciate the administration working with us. I appreciate my colleagues here in the Congress who worked with us to ensure that we were able to advance appropriations for the first polar security cutter. This is significant news for the American Arctic. People have heard me say that we have about 1½ icebreakers in the United States right now. We have the Polar Star, which breaks ice down in Antarctica, meeting our obligations there. We have the Polar Sea, which is tied up in Washington State and will probably never see service again. We have a medium-strength icebreaker, the Healey, which does a fair amount of research work. But for us, as an Arctic nation, it is important to have a fleet of icebreakers.

That is what we, as an Arctic nation, must be working toward, so a contract for the design and construction of the first polar-class icebreaker to be built in the United States in the past 40 years was awarded just last month. As a nation, we haven't seen work on an icebreaker in four decades now.

A total of \$20 million is also being provided for long lead time materials for a second polar security cutter. Hopefully, we will be talking about more than just one polar security cutter and we will one day have what this country, as an Arctic nation, should have, and that is a fleet.

But the Arctic is about more than just icebreakers. It is about the people who live there. It is about the environment. It is about its location on the globe. The Arctic is a living and breathing place. I think some people, in their mind's eye, view the Arctic as a frozen wasteland, or perhaps it is a snow globe that just kind of sits up on a shelf and you don't touch it. But it is not. It is home to some 4 million people in the Arctic region. It is not highly populated, but there are people living, working, raising their families, subsisting, and engaging in commerce. It is an important place.

It is a good thing when officials at the highest levels get together to discuss the issues within the Arctic. That

is what happened earlier this month—actually May 6 and 7—at the Arctic Council Ministerial Meeting in Rovaniemi, Finland. The Foreign Ministers for each of the eight Arctic nations were in attendance. The significance of that is noteworthy. It was only the second time in the council's 30-plus-year history that all of the eight Ministers were gathered together. I was pleased to be a part of the U.S. delegation that was led by our Secretary of State, Secretary Pompeo.

This was actually the fifth Arctic Council Ministerial Meeting that I have attended going back to 2011, when the ministerial was held in Nuuk, Greenland. At that point in time, it was then-Secretary of State Clinton. That marked the first time the U.S. Secretary of State attended such a meeting. So 2011—it wasn't too many years ago that the United States had a Secretary of State attend.

The Arctic Council includes the eight Arctic nations. The eight Arctic nations are Canada, United States, Russia, Finland, Sweden, Norway, Iceland, and Greenland. It also includes six permanent participant groups within the Arctic Council that represent the indigenous populations within the region. Four of those partially reside in Alaska, and those are the Aleut International Association, the Arctic Athabaskan Council, the Gwich'in Council International, and the Inuit Circumpolar Council. While only the Arctic nations have voting rights, the permanent participants have a seat at the table, and they provide valuable input into the council's discussions and deliberations. I think we really saw the impact of the permanent participants at this most recent ministerial.

The council also has 38 observers, including 13 non-Arctic nations—this goes back to China, as I mentioned earlier—13 intergovernmental and inter-parliamentary groups, and 12 non-governmental entities. The number of observers and the number of pending applications to be observers has grown considerably in the past several years. Again, it just goes to demonstrate the rest of the world's interest in the Arctic.

Much of what we have seen reported after the ministerial that was held in Rovaniemi focused not on what happened but on what didn't happen at the ministerial, which was that, for the first time, there was not a signed ministerial declaration.

I was not part of any of the Minister-level discussions that went on either prior to their convening in Rovaniemi or directly prior to the day of the ministerial itself, but the crux of the impasse there was language regarding climate change and how much of the declaration would actually reference it.

This has all been reported very widely in the media, but what has not been reported nearly as broadly are the areas of agreement that were highlighted at the ministerial. All eight nations signed a joint ministerial state-

ment—not a declaration but a statement—which reaffirmed their commitment to maintain peace, stability, and cooperation in the Arctic. That is kind of a given. That is what we want to work for with each ministerial. But the joint statement recognized the diversity of the inhabitants of the region and the rights of the Arctic indigenous people. It also reaffirmed the commitment to sustainable development and the protection of the Arctic environment.

In addition to that very short statement, there was a statement by the chair of the ministerial meeting—the Foreign Minister of Finland—that encompassed what would have been in a declaration had one been signed and noted many of the areas of agreement amongst all the Arctic nations. These were items such as the importance of the role of scientific research, along with traditional and local knowledge, the significance of the Arctic Environment Ministers' Meeting, the Arctic Climate Change Update 2019 report, the outcomes from the Arctic Resilience Forum, the convening of the Second Arctic Science Ministerial. It encourages further work in adapting to climate change impacts, such as permafrost thaw, and responding to weather extremes, including the increased risk of wildfires.

Looking at the Foreign Minister's statement, it was clear that there were many areas and many provisions on which there was cooperation and agreement within the Arctic Council and many areas of agreement on environmental issues as well.

Another topic reported in the news was comments by Secretary Pompeo the day before the ministerial that were pretty direct. They were pretty directed and were directed to Russian and Chinese activity in the Arctic. The Secretary's remarks pointed to a reality, plain and simple. They pointed to a growing reality that today's Arctic is not the Arctic we have known in generations past.

We all still want—I certainly want, as one who works hard on Arctic issues every day—we want those buzz words that are synonymous with the region to continue to apply today and well into the future, words like “cooperation,” “collaboration,” and calling the Arctic the “zone of peace.”

Greater accessibility to the region and its resources, as we are seeing the ice that is receding from the shore—with greater opportunities for commercial transit, you have greater accessibility—is also bringing increased international awareness. You have seen not only a level of interest, but you have seen a level of investment activity and clearly competing interests that are presenting.

Some of this is great news. Fiber optic cable and satellite coverage are bringing a level of connectivity to small, remote, and isolated communities, which is something the communities embrace. With these advance-

ments, we see impacts on the culture and on the values of the indigenous populations.

We are seeing opportunities for tourism. Cruise ships with thousands of passengers are pulling into small coastal communities, which certainly boost their economy, but think about the impact when you have 1,000 people who may want to disembark into a community that doesn't have the infrastructure. It dwarfs the local population and impacts the existing infrastructure there.

Then, of course, whether we like it or not, national security interests are now at the forefront of many of the discussions about the High North. Secretary Pompeo—again, his words were pretty direct. He said:

The region has become an arena for power and for competition. And the eight Arctic States must adapt to this new future.

He also said that the Arctic Council no longer has the luxury to focus exclusively on scientific collaboration, cultural matters, and environmental research. He suggests that there is a new age of strategic engagement in the Arctic.

I don't disagree with the Secretary that military and national security issues are much, much, much more prevalent now than they were only 10 years ago, and it kind of begs the question as to whether the Arctic Council should expand its portfolio and take on these issues. That was the discussion I participated in later that day in Helsinki at the Munich Security Conference that was focused on Arctic security.

When the Arctic Council was established in 1996, military and national security interests were specifically excluded from Council activities. They chose to focus on economic development and resilience, the environment, research, the cultures, and left off of the mission requirements, if you will, the issues of national security and military interest. I think that is probably why we have been able to see such cooperation and collaboration coming out of the Arctic Council for these many years.

Yet, as was mentioned by the Foreign Minister from Finland in a follow-on discussion about the ministerial, it is not as if we can just place a “Do Not Disturb” sign on the Arctic—we as Arctic nations. It has changed. It is changing. Investment is happening. The activity is already occurring. So whether we are ready for it, whether we want it, whether we want to put out that “Do Not Disturb” sign or not, it is happening.

Russia is modernizing, and they are expanding their security posture in the region. Some say it is in a provocative manner; we can argue about that. But it is certainly a manner that suggests that they recognize the value of the region to their national interests, as well as the growing non-Arctic nation attention and access to the region.

China is also quite interested. During the same week as the Arctic Council



Ministerial, the Arctic Circle Assembly held a forum in Shanghai. So think about it. We were having an Arctic Circle Assembly in Shanghai. Think about how far Shanghai is from the Arctic. It highlighted China's interest and their investment in the Arctic. So, again, the geography can say that this is not an Arctic nation, not even a near-Arctic nation, but from scientific research to economic interest in the Arctic's natural resources, China has made it very clear that it has no intention of reducing its interests in a Polar Silk Road.

What Secretary Pompeo made very clear is, look, if there is going to be investment in the region, we all need to be operating by the same rules, and the rules require transparency—transparency when it comes to investment in the region, regardless of who is making it. I would add to that notion that those who live in the region should benefit from any investment in the Arctic, as they are the ones who bear the greatest risk in any economic activity, whether it is on the shore or in the waters.

We recognize there are plenty of opportunities in the Arctic, as we are seeing the impacts of climate change and what that means to an area that is becoming more exposed, but with those opportunities come very real challenges, and we have to address those as well. That includes environmental effects that come with climate change as we see a reduced sea ice cover and the need to develop rules of the road to provide transparency for the growing amount of investment in the Far North by both Arctic and non-Arctic actors alike.

One of the underreported events of the Rovaniemi Ministerial was the signing of a memorandum of understanding between the Arctic Council and the Arctic Economic Council. This new agreement will provide a framework to enhance responsible economic development and build partnerships for issues of common interest and capacity building of Arctic inhabitants. Perhaps this is the first step in developing a framework for transparent Arctic investment and a new age of strategic engagement in the Arctic.

I was very honored to attend both the Arctic Council Ministerial in Finland, as well as the Arctic Circle Assembly in Shanghai. I continue to believe it is critical for us—for those in the administration, for us here in Congress—to actively engage in the Arctic. We have a lot at stake here. The region has a lot at stake, and we need to establish sound policy that will take advantage of all of our opportunities and address our challenges while ensuring that we are working to the benefit of the local residents.

I think it is so important to reinforce that we cannot assume that if we are not stepping it up in the Arctic, that means nobody else is. That is absolutely and positively not the case. There is a level of engagement and

there is a level of interest that is global. We are one of the eight Arctic nations. We have a place; we have a people in the Arctic. We have an obligation, as an Arctic nation, to behave as one.

Alaskans are more than happy to lead whenever and wherever possible, but this is not an Alaska-specific issue. This is not just Alaska. This is all of us as a country. We also need that recognition at the Federal level.

I encourage Members of this Chamber to recognize the importance of the Arctic, to pay greater attention to what is happening there, to make the region a priority in our policymaking efforts, and to help ensure that America, which is an Arctic nation by virtue of Alaska—that we, as an Arctic nation, catch up to all of the others that are looking with great interest, whether making investments or truly making an impression on the Arctic.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Indiana.

#### RECOGNIZING PURDUE UNIVERSITY'S ALL-AMERICAN MARCHING BAND.

Mr. BRAUN. Mr. President, I rise today to celebrate the talent and steadfast dedication of Purdue University's All-American Marching Band, which will be performing for the 100th time at the 103rd Running of the Indy 500.

Every year, the "Greatest Spectacle in Racing" attracts hundreds of thousands of fans to our State's capital. Throughout the last century, Purdue University's marching band has become an indispensable part of the annual festivities with their highly anticipated performance of traditional Indy 500 songs and other popular hits.

I commend the efforts and hard work put forth by the band's nearly 300 members. Their dedication in rehearsal is sure to pay off when they take to the famed Indy Motor Speedway this Sunday, welcoming spectators from around the world with familiar favorites, including the now customary performance of the classic "Back Home Again in Indiana."

I especially commend the Purdue University marching band directors, past and present, whose work make this tradition possible. This year, the band will be led by the acclaimed Hoosier, Jay Gephart, professor of music, and Al Wright, chair director of bands and orchestras at Purdue University. I am sure that under his direction, the All-American band will do Indiana proud.

I also recognize Purdue University's first marching band director, the late Paul Spotts Emrick, who initially forged the relationship between the University and the speedway. He directed Purdue's first performance at the famed 500-mile race in 1919, 100 years ago.

I applaud Purdue University's marching band for each year dedicating

themselves to sharing our Hoosier traditions and heritage with millions of viewers around the world. I extend my thanks to all who ensure that the tradition endures, and I look forward to another great performance this weekend from the Boilermakers. Go Boilers.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### TRIBUTE TO MARY NAYLOR

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I rise, accompanied by an amazing public servant who is completing 29 years and 10 months of working in the U.S. Senate—Mary Naylor, my legislative director. She is angry with me right now for tricking her into this and walking into the Chamber and seeing my whole staff, but I wanted to just say a word to honor her.

When I came to the Senate—elected in 2012 and sworn in in January 2013—obviously, hiring a legislative director was a very, very important challenge that I was dealing with, and I had a number of people who wanted to do the job. There was a wonderful Senate staffer who was about to leave the Hill to see if there was life after the Senate. She wasn't sure whether there was but was really excited to see that. Yet, as tough a negotiator as she was, she let me persuade her to stay for one more term after she had wanted to leave to do other things. She did a remarkable job for me in my first term and has done a remarkable job now into my second term in the Senate. She has been my legislative director since my first day in the body, but as I pointed out, she is now nearly 30 years into serving this institution.

Let me tell you some things about Mary.

She is from Fargo, ND. She came to the Senate in 1989, which was right after she graduated with honors—Phi Beta Kappa—from Northwestern. She first became a legislative assistant for the late Senator Paul Simon in 1991. Then she eventually became the deputy chief of staff to Senator Kent Conrad of her home State. For most of her career in the Senate, she worked with Senator Conrad. When Senator Conrad became the Budget chairman in 2001, she became the Democratic staff director for the committee, and she remained in that position for 12 years until she became my legislative director in 2013.

Some highlights of her tenure with Budget include 10 budget resolutions, the Simpson-Bowles Commission, walking us back from a fiscal cliff in 2011, and a C-SPAN debut—oh, my gosh, a C-SPAN debut—in March 2008 when she testified before the Budget Committee on the fiscal year 2009 budget.

Mary Naylor played a critical role in the Affordable Care Act. With members of the Budget Committee, she helped to iron out the fiscal details of such a monumental bill, and she captivated a lot of my staffers in the office with tales of the high stakes parliamentary maneuvering she undertook to make sure the reconciliation component of the ACA complied with the Byrd rule.

One of the things that Mary does in my office that my staff loves is the parliamentary minute. At the end of every week, after I have gone back to Richmond, she will do a parliamentary minute and put an interesting problem or challenge on the table from the past and walk my legislative staff through how we should deal with it.

In 2011, the "Washingtonian" named Mary one of the 100 most powerful women in DC, and the "National Journal" named her among the top 14 women on the Hill.

Mary has helped me out in so many ways. She has learned more about aircraft carrier refueling than she ever thought possible and has helped me overcome now two bouts of the decommissioning of aircraft.

All of my staff understands that Mary has really been kind of the brains of the operation. She is in a league of her own. Every single bill of mine that has passed has her fingerprints on it, and I guess I am getting up to—I don't know—over 40 or 50 bills. She comes up with the ideas. She makes my ideas a lot better. She builds supports for our proposals. She tells me when my ideas are bad, and she is almost always right—not always right. She is almost always right. She helps me on my committees and floor strategy. She recruits, trains, and advises all of the amazing policy staffers I have working with me and all who have worked with me over the years.

That is what Mary has done for me and for the people of Virginia for 6 years. That is what she has done for the Senate for the United States for now 30 years. She is a policy whiz. She is a dogged go-getter, and I emphasize "dogged." That is a character reference if you know Mary's love of dogs. She is a walking parliamentary encyclopedia, and her dedication has helped me to achieve much more than I would have imagined as a Senator.

I recognize Mary to say, like so many in the offices in this building, her persistent service to Senator Conrad, to Senator Simon, to me, to the Budget Committee, to the Senate more broadly, and to the country have really made a difference in an awful lot of people's lives.

Anybody leaving, it is always bitter-sweet. I think that she is now going to find there is life after the Senate, and she has a cool next opportunity that she can pursue.

Whenever one of my staffers goes on to pursue a new cool opportunity, I am really happy for them, and yet it is hard to imagine what it will be like walking into the office every day and

not having Mary there as the brains of the operation and a great right hand at getting good things done.

So with that, I know my whole staff is thinking the same thought right now. We want to just thank Mary Naylor for her great service and commend her.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BRAUN). Without objection, it is so ordered.

### TAX REFORM

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, there was an article in the paper today telling us something that surprises nobody in this Chamber, really, on either side, surveying the tax packages, the proposals from Democrats and Republicans, and making the contrast, and it said the Democratic tax packages are significantly better for the middle class than the Republican tax package.

We know what happened 2-plus years ago when the Finance Committee, in the middle of the night, kept writing new language and biasing it towards the wealthiest people in the county.

We know that the Trump tax bill, voted for by the majority, opposed by all of us because over 75 percent of the benefits, over time, went to the richest 1 percent. Contrast that with our Working Families Tax Relief Act, which focuses on middle-class and working-class taxpayers, focuses on the earned income tax credit and the child tax credit under the theory that, if you cut taxes for the rich, which Republicans always do, that the money trickles down, but it doesn't trickle down. They say it is going to trickle down and help the middle class. Well, it really never does.

I heard President Trump promise a group of us in the White House that everybody would get a \$4,000 raise and several thousand dollars in tax cuts for middle-class families—it just didn't happen.

The way you grow the economy is you focus on the middle class, you cut taxes for the middle class, put money in their pocket, they spend it in local communities. You cut taxes for the rich, it goes to a Swiss bank account or wherever it goes.

So the newspaper today said what everybody already knows, that the best way to grow the economy, the best way to help this country, the best way to help the middle class is—surprise—cut taxes for the middle class. That is what the Working Families Tax Relief Act does. It helps working class kids.

The Trump tax bill pretended to cut taxes through the child tax credit. For the child tax credit, it actually left 26

million children out. Our legislation focuses on those 26 million children. They are not children of the rich. They are children of the middle class. They are working families. They are low-income kids.

So it is clear that that is the way this body should go. I understand who has the votes. I understand that the President of the United States—where the White House looks like a retreat for Wall Street executives—the President of the United States can always jam another tax cut for billionaires through this body.

But let's do the right thing and actually put our focus on working families.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Maine.

### S. 151

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, earlier today, the Senate overwhelmingly approved the Telephone Robocall Abuse Criminal Enforcement and Deterrence Act, known as the TRACED Act, authored by our colleagues Senators THUNE and MARKEY.

I am pleased to have been a cosponsor of this bill to help protect consumers from fraudulent, aggravating, and incessant robocalls.

The TRACED Act makes a number of important changes to our laws that will make it easier to fight illegal robocalls.

Most important, the TRACED Act requires telecommunications carriers to implement what is known as SHAKEN/STIR technology to verify whether caller IDs that appear on incoming calls are authentic.

When fully implemented, this technology will be a major advance against the illegal spoofing of calls that have resulted in successful scams.

Combating illegal robocalls has long been a focus of the Senate's Special Committee on Aging, which I chair, and on which the Presiding Officer serves.

Over the past 6 years, the Special Committee on Aging has held 22 hearings to examine scams that specifically target older Americans. Scams that we have highlighted include the IRS imposter scam, the Jamaican lottery scam, computer tech support schemes, grandparent scams, elder financial exploitation, identity theft, and the notorious drug mule scam.

The number and the kind of these scams are endless in their variety. The criminals are ruthless and relentless, and they will continue to come up with new ways to defraud Americans, particularly our seniors.

These scams are often initiated by robocallers who use caller ID spoofing to perpetrate their schemes. Many of us remember back in 2003 when the Do Not Call Registry was created. At that point, what we were able to do was register our phone numbers and block those unwanted, illegal robocalls. Fortunately, back then, telecommunications equipment could not easily be

used to disguise a caller ID to make it look like the call was coming from someplace other than its origin.

Unfortunately, technology today and particularly the emergence of the voice over internet protocol technology has changed all that to the point where the Do Not Call Registry has become virtually useless for most Americans. Now criminals can use VoIP to hide their identities while generating millions of robocalls from anywhere in the world at practically no cost.

We heard in the Aging Committee some heart-wrenching stories of consumers who have been ripped off because of the combination of the robocall and the disguising of the identity of the caller.

For example, in 2015, we heard from the Auburn, ME, Police Department about a woman who lost \$7,400 because she got one of these calls, and it was followed by another call that appeared to be the Auburn Police Department. That is what appeared on her caller ID. Yet, of course, it was nothing of the sort. But that was sufficient to make her think she really did have to pay what turned out to be \$7,400 of her retirement savings, which she could ill afford to lose.

In 2017, we heard from an 81-year-old veteran from Portland, ME, Phillip Hatch, who was a victim of the IRS imposter scam. In these scams, what happens is the robocaller pretends to be an IRS agent. He or she will tell the person who answers the phone that the consumer owes thousands of dollars in back taxes and penalties and that if they are not paid immediately, they will either be arrested or a lien will be put on their home. They manage to panic people of all ages—particularly our seniors—into paying money they do not owe to the IRS.

Everyone should be aware that if you really do owe back taxes to the IRS, you will get a letter from the IRS. You won't be called up and threatened. But that, unfortunately, is what these con artists, these ruthless criminals, do.

Well, Mr. Hatch was induced to pay some \$8,000 when he got a second call that appeared to be from the Portland Police Department telling him that if he did not pay up immediately, there was a warrant for his arrest—again, completely bogus. Mr. Hatch did not owe back taxes, much less penalties, but it was the spoofing of the call that made it look like it was from the Portland Police Department in this case—the Auburn Police Department in the previous case I described—that caused him to lose a substantial amount of money. His situation would have been even worse if his son had not intervened. He would have lost even more.

This is a problem that is getting worse every day. Oddly enough, lately on my cell phones, I have been receiving robocalls that are in Chinese, which is really bizarre. I don't know whether they are targeting a Chinese-American population in some part of the Washington, DC, area, but that is

what I have been getting lately. But all of us know how frequent, how annoying, and in many cases how dangerous these robocalls can be when they are conducted by these ruthless criminals.

Last year, the Federal Trade Commission logged an incredible 3.8 billion complaints about illegal robocalls. This year, industry sources estimate that nearly half of all mobile phone calls are fraudulent—nearly half. So this is a problem that deserves our attention. The American people are tired of having scammers ring their phones off the hook—or their cell phones—and they want these calls stopped. We have to do all we can to give the regulators the important tools to help fight these illegal robocalls.

I am very pleased that we have taken an important step today and that the Federal Communications Commission is also acting to increase the protections for consumers. We should be able to rely on the veracity of our caller ID identifications. That is why we have caller ID. But the spoofers have managed to defeat the purpose of caller ID, including being able to pretend to be the Department of Treasury, the Auburn Police Department, and other law enforcement agencies. No wonder people pick up the phone when they see the Department of Treasury, the Auburn Police Department, or the IRS is calling, but, in fact, that is not who is calling; it is a relentless criminal who is trying to steal money from the consumer.

It is my hope that this important consumer protection bill, which builds on all of the 22 hearings our Aging Committee has held, will become law shortly and provide relief to American consumers.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Louisiana.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, yesterday I stood on the floor of our esteemed Senate, and I said: The Senate needs to do more. The Senate needs to do more.

I was very careful—and I want to reaffirm today—I was very careful not to say we are not doing anything. I talked about our important work on confirming judges. I think we are putting some very fine men and women on the Federal bench, who are going to make our country safer and better. I was also very careful to talk about the fact that after a logjam had been created on the appointments for the President's administration, we were finally able to break that logjam. We have started confirming some new advisers for the President.

I am very proud of the good work this body has done, but I did make the point that we need to do more. I talked about the fact that, in my judgment, there are many issues—if we think about them—on which my Democratic friends and my Republican colleagues have more in common than we don't, but we can't determine whether that is accurate unless we vote, unless we

bring bills to the floor, unless we get bills in front of the committee and mark them up. That is our word, as you know, for amending a bill.

One of the bills I talked about yesterday was the need for bipartisan support for trying to do something about the spam, fraudulent robocalls the American people are getting, about which Senator COLLINS just spoke so eloquently. I said there would be bipartisan support. I believed it. I believe it even more today. I am very proud of the Senate because we just passed a bill. Do you know how many people voted against it? One. One “no” vote. See what happens when Senators are allowed to be Senators?

There are other efforts that we can work on together. The cost of prescription drugs—I spoke about that yesterday. I don't want to go into it more today.

I will give you another one, and I know this is controversial, but I think it is less controversial than people realize—net neutrality, the importance of people being able to access the Internet freely without being blocked or without their speeds being throttled or without their being censored.

That is a very controversial issue around here, but I still believe we share more in common than we don't on that issue. I talk with my colleagues all the time. I say: We need to pass a bill. Do you know why? Because the businessmen and the businesswomen and the consumers need some predictability in this area. What happens now is, if we have a Democratic President who gets control of the FCC, they pass one set of net neutrality rules, and then if we have a Republican President who gets control of the FCC, they pass a different set of net neutrality rules. The business community and the consumers are like ping pong balls. There is no predictability. There is no certainty. You can't plan. So everybody says: We need to pass a bill. Well, I am going to say it too. We need to pass a bill, but the only way to pass a bill is to pass a bill. And I think that is an area where we can work.

Another area—I understand how hard it is to fix our healthcare delivery system, but we ought to at least try. Our efforts in the last Congress to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act did not work. We could not pass the bill. I do not know a single person, honestly, a fairminded person who thinks the Affordable Care Act is working. But there are things we can do in the meantime while we are trying to reach an agreement on health insurance and the healthcare delivery system that looks like somebody designed the two things on purpose. There are things we can do together in the meantime.

I think there is bipartisan support for the idea that if you have health insurance and you go to the emergency room—and you picked an emergency room at a hospital that is under your policy—and you go and you pay your \$500 deductible, a month later, you

should not get a bill for \$1,000. You call them up and you say: What do you mean? The hospital is listed on my policy. I did what I was supposed to do. I went there. It was an emergency, but I did not go to the closest hospital. I went to the hospital in my policy, and I get a bill for \$4,000.

They say: Oh, that doctor, that radiologist—not to pick on radiologists—that radiologist wasn't covered by your plan.

Well, how am I supposed to know?

We can address that. I guarantee you that there is bipartisan support to do something about that. We might not agree on the details, but that is why, you know, God created the Senate floor. You come down here, you debate, you discuss, and you offer amendments.

There are other examples. Let me say I am cutting this short because we are about to have another vote on a disaster bill. Thank you. Thank you, United States Senate. Thank you, President Trump, for meeting us in the middle.

I am not clairvoyant, but I feel really good about its passing—not good for the Senate as an institution, although I am proud of us today, but good for our farmers and our people in so many States who have been hurt by natural disasters—wildfires and hurricanes. Puerto Rico was hit with two hurricanes right in a row. We are going to do something about that today. I am happy for the Senate, but I am even happier for the American people.

I am going to say it again. We have more in common—our Democratic colleagues and our Republican colleagues—than we don't on certain issues, and I think we would surprise ourselves in what we could achieve if we just try.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2019

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I move to proceed to Calendar No. 91, H.R. 2157.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

Motion to proceed to Calendar No. 91, H.R. 2157, a bill making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes.

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the motion to proceed be agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2157) making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the Shelby-Leahy substitute amendment at the desk be agreed to; that Senator SHELBY or his designee be recognized to make a motion to waive any budget points of order; further, that if the motion to waive is agreed to, the bill, as amended, be read a third time and the Senate vote on passage with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 250) in the nature of a substitute was agreed to.

(The amendment is printed in today's RECORD under "Text of Amendments.")

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Texas.

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, pursuant to section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and the waiver provisions of the applicable budget resolutions, I move to waive all applicable sections of the act and applicable budget resolutions for purposes of H.R. 2157, as amended, and I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER), the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS), and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. TOOMEY).

Further, if present and voting, the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) would have voted "yea" and the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) would have voted "yea."

Mr. SCHUMER. I announce that the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) is necessarily absent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 84, nays 9, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 128 Leg.]

YEAS—84

Baldwin	Casey	Ernst
Bennet	Cassidy	Feinstein
Blumenthal	Collins	Fischer
Blunt	Coons	Gardner
Booker	Cornyn	Gillibrand
Boozman	Cortez Masto	Graham
Brown	Cotton	Grassley
Burr	Cramer	Harris
Cantwell	Cruz	Hassan
Cardin	Daines	Hawley
Carper	Duckworth	Heinrich

Hirono	Merkley	Shaheen
Hoeven	Murkowski	Shelby
Hyde-Smith	Murphy	Sinema
Inhofe	Murray	Smith
Isakson	Perdue	Stabenow
Johnson	Peters	Sullivan
Jones	Portman	Tester
Kaine	Reed	Thune
Kennedy	Roberts	Tillis
King	Rosen	Udall
Klobuchar	Rubio	Van Hollen
Lankford	Sanders	Warner
Leahy	Sasse	Warren
Manchin	Schatz	Whitehouse
Markey	Schumer	Wicker
McConnell	Scott (FL)	Wyden
Menendez	Scott (SC)	Young

NAYS—9

Barrasso	Crapo	Paul
Blackburn	Lee	Risch
Braun	McSally	Romney

NOT VOTING—7

Alexander	Enzi	Toomey
Capito	Moran	
Durbin	Rounds	

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote the yeas are 84, the nays are 9.

Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, the motion is agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the title of the bill for the third time.

The amendment was ordered to be engrossed and the bill to be read a third time.

The bill was read the third time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill having been read the third time, the question is, Shall the bill pass?

Mr. CORNYN. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER), the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS), and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. TOOMEY).

Further, if present and voting, the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) would have voted "yea" and the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) would have voted "yea."

Mr. SCHUMER. I announce that the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) is necessarily absent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 85, nays 8, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 129 Leg.]

YEAS—85

Baldwin	Cantwell	Cotton
Barrasso	Cardin	Cramer
Bennet	Carper	Cruz
Blumenthal	Casey	Daines
Blunt	Cassidy	Duckworth
Booker	Collins	Ernst
Boozman	Coons	Feinstein
Brown	Cornyn	Fischer
Burr	Cortez Masto	Gardner

Gillibrand	Manchin	Scott (SC)
Graham	Markey	Shaheen
Grassley	McConnell	Shelby
Harris	Menendez	Sinema
Hassan	Merkley	Smith
Hawley	Murkowski	Stabenow
Heinrich	Murphy	Sullivan
Hirono	Murray	Tester
Hoeven	Perdue	Thune
Hyde-Smith	Peters	Tillis
Inhofe	Portman	Udall
Isakson	Reed	Van Hollen
Johnson	Roberts	Warner
Jones	Rosen	Warren
Kaine	Rubio	Whitehouse
Kennedy	Sanders	Wicker
King	Sasse	Wyden
Klobuchar	Schatz	Young
Lankford	Schumer	
Leahy	Scott (FL)	

## NAYS—8

Blackburn	Lee	Risch
Braun	McSally	Romney
Crapo	Paul	

## NOT VOTING—7

Alexander	Enzi	Toomey
Capito	Moran	
Durbin	Rounds	

The bill (H.R. 2157), as amended, was passed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Vermont.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I thank my colleagues on both sides of the aisle for their votes. Even though the final vote might be 5 months late, today is a good day for the Congress, for the Senate, for the American people, and for the Nation.

I have said from the beginning—a position I have taken in all of my decades in the Senate—that any disaster supplemental that passes this Chamber cannot pick and choose which American citizens to help in their time of need. We are all Americans. The American community bands together to support one another when disaster strikes, regardless of where we are from, what our politics are, or what our beliefs are. That is the American way, and it is the role of the Congress to make sure that it is done.

I am glad to stand on the Senate floor today, and I am glad to be here with my dear friend, the senior Senator from Alabama and the chairman of the Appropriations Committee, Senator SHELBY, to support what is a bipartisan, bicameral disaster supplemental appropriations bill.

Think of what we have done. This bill will provide long overdue aid to the people of California, Georgia, Florida, Nebraska, Iowa, North Carolina, South Carolina, Hawaii, Texas, Missouri, Alabama, and Puerto Rico just to name a few. Some of these people—they are all American citizens—have been trying to put their lives back together for nearly 2 years—since August of 2017.

It provides \$19.1 billion to help communities in these States and Territories to rebuild stronger than they were before. It includes more than \$2.4 billion in community development block grants, more than \$1.6 billion for the Federal Highway Administration to rebuild roads and bridges, and more than \$3 billion to support our Nation's farmers who lost their crops and livestock in the storms. It also provides

more than \$3 billion to rebuild our military's storm-damaged infrastructure.

It has been no secret that how to help the American citizens of Puerto Rico has been at the heart of our dispute on disaster aid, but I am pleased to report that the bill provides much needed assistance to these Americans, including \$605 million for the Nutrition Assistance Program, and \$304 million in community development block grants to help the island meet the FEMA match requirements.

One thing that we learned when Tropical Storm Irene struck Vermont is that you have rebuild better than you were so you are stronger when you face the next storm. We have included language that requires FEMA to rebuild the island stronger and better than it was before to help mitigate the damage of a future storm. We did this in certain areas in Vermont, and it made all the difference in the world.

This supplemental will unlock billions of dollars that Congress had previously appropriated for Puerto Rico and other communities across the country that the Trump administration has held back in the Treasury.

We reached this agreement because the Republicans and the Democrats came together across the aisle. It is a strong bipartisan agreement. It reflects that we are one Nation in times of need and that all Americans can count on each other. I was happy to see the strong support from the Senators here, but our work is not yet done.

Now we have to address the humanitarian crisis at our southern border. We have to help those who are fleeing from violence and persecution in their own countries. The President has requested \$4.5 billion. Some of this money is badly needed. There is no dispute about that, and I will support the part that is badly needed.

Everyone in this Chamber knows these are difficult issues that are often made more difficult given the President's rhetoric and extreme policies. Difficult issues take time. Let's lower the rhetoric, and let's do as we have done here—work together. We have been working day and night to strike a compromise on the President's request. We are close, but we are not there yet. Even as of late, late last night, we were still working on that. When we return, I hope we can negotiate a bipartisan agreement to provide additional humanitarian assistance.

To reach this agreement today, many of the Senators—and I mentioned, of course, Senator SHELBY, my friend, as chairman—and I, as vice chairman, worked together. So did many others, but none of us could do it without the dedicated staff that was involved. I could go home at 9 o'clock and 10 o'clock at night, but they were still there. I am talking about both the Democratic staff and the Republican staff. So I asked my Appropriations chief of staff, Chuck Kieffer, to give me a list.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD at the end of my remarks the list of names of both the Democratic staff and the Republican staff who worked so hard on this.

I said on a personal basis earlier that I remember when Tropical Storm Irene hit Vermont and how totally discouraged I was by the damage. Yet, within hours, I had texts and emails from Senators in this body—Republicans and Democrats alike. They said: When we were hit by a tornado, by flooding, by an earthquake—whatever it might have been—Vermont stood with us, and we will stand with Vermont.

That is what we are as the United States of America. The Senate did what it should do today. The Senate acted as the conscience of the Nation. We stood together to help all Americans.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

LIST SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD BY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE VICE CHAIRMAN LEAHY OF STAFF FOR H.R. 2157, THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Charles E. Kieffer, Chanda Betourney, Jess Berry, Jay Tilton, Hannah Chauvin, Dianne Nellor, Jean Toal Eisen, Erik Raven, Doug Clapp, Ellen Murray, Scott Nance, Chip Walgren, Drenan Dudley, Reeves Hart, Rachael Taylor, Alex Keenan, Jason McMahon, Tim Rieser, Dabney Hegg, Christina Monroe, Catie Finley, Shannon Hines, Jonathan Graffeo, David Adkins, Carlisle Clarke, Hamilton Bloom, Brian Potts, Tyler Owens, Andrew Newton, Adam Telle, Erny Lesofski, Laura Friedel, Sarah Boliek, Patrick Magnuson, Paul Grove, Clare Doherty.

Mr. LEAHY. I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SCOTT of Florida). Without objection, it is so ordered.

## DISASTER RELIEF

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, all week, Chairman SHELBY and a number of our colleagues worked tirelessly to get a supplemental funding agreement for disaster relief over the finish line. He has prepared one thoughtful, good-faith compromise after another.

In fact, this has been going on for months now: compromise offer after compromise offer from Republicans—constant engagement and good-faith work. So I am pleased that, today, all of this hard work has at long last paid off. Thanks to the efforts from a number of our colleagues and thanks to the leadership of President Trump and his administration—and, I might add, the occupant of the Chair, who has been extremely persistent in this effort over the last weeks and months—the Senate has now passed a compromise solution

for disaster funding, and we have sent it over to the House.

Regretfully, they are gone.

The President has indicated he supports it. So the Senate's bipartisan vote is a big step toward making law and actually delivering the relief that communities across our Nation sorely need.

I am sorry that our House Democratic colleagues blocked commonsense efforts to include funding in this legislation for the ongoing humanitarian crisis down on the southern border. Despite days of negotiations, House Democrats insisted that we could not provide more funding for our overwhelmed agencies, which are running on fumes, without including other poison-pill policy riders. As a result, today's agreement omits those needed resources.

This wasn't money for the wall or even law enforcement. It was money so that the Federal Government can continue to house, feed, and care for the men, women, and children showing up along our southern border—money for agencies that are currently, literally, running on fumes.

This is money that is so uncontroversial—so uncontroversial—that even the New York Times published an editorial titled, "Congress, Give Trump His Border Money."

Even the New York Times blasted the "political gamesmanship [that] threatens to hold up desperately needed resources." That is what they called it—political gamesmanship.

Well, I am sorry to say their political gamesmanship did hold up these resources. Apparently, our House Democratic colleagues heard "President Trump" and the word "border" in the same sentence and decided they preferred no action at all to the sensible compromise that even the New York Times had called for.

It is too bad that partisan spite has infected even such blindingly obvious priorities as the humanitarian efforts on our own southern border. I am sorry that our Democratic friends have become so committed to "the resistance" that they are now to the left of the New York Times editorial board.

Nevertheless, we should celebrate the progress we are making today. The Senate passage of this legislation marks a huge step forward for communities across the United States that have gone far too long without receiving this Federal assistance to help them get back on their feet.

Finally, the millions of Americans who have grappled with nature's worst are closer to receiving the supplemental aid they urgently need for the western communities that are still sorting through the ashes of last year's record-breaking wildfires; our coastal states in the Southeast and Puerto Rico, where hurricane damage punched holes in homes, businesses, and critical infrastructure; the Deep South communities victimized by tornadoes; and for those still grappling with the flood-

waters that have surged over farms and towns across the Midwest and in my own State of Kentucky.

So I am grateful and relieved that Chairman SHELBY, Senator LEAHY, and colleagues of ours, including Senators PERDUE, ISAKSON, RICK SCOTT, RUBIO, ERNST, THUNE, BLUNT, SASSE, and others have brought us to this point with their tireless work on this subject.

I am grateful to the President for his leadership and focus on getting an outcome. I am glad we passed this legislation and sent it to the House. I urge our colleagues over in the House to support it.

#### SETTING FORTH THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET FOR THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I move to proceed to Calendar No. 78, S. 1332.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

Motion to proceed to Calendar No. 78, S. 1332, a bill to set forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2020 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2021 through 2029.

#### CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk for the motion to proceed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

#### CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 78 S. 1332, a bill to set forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2020 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2021 through 2029.

Mitch McConnell, John Thune, Johnny Isakson, Jerry Moran, Mike Crapo, Roger F. Wicker, Steve Daines, Roy Blunt, Richard C. Shelby, Richard Burr, Mike Lee, James Lankford, John Cornyn, James E. Risch, David Perdue, Tim Scott, Rand Paul.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 157.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion is agreed to.

The clerk will report the nomination. The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Andrew M. Saul, of New York, to be Commissioner of Social Security for the term expiring January 19, 2025. (Reappointment)

#### CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

#### CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Andrew M. Saul, of New York, to be Commissioner of Social Security for the term expiring January 19, 2025. (Reappointment)

Mitch McConnell, Pat Roberts, Steve Daines, John Barrasso, Tim Scott, Lindsey Graham, John Boozman, Roger F. Wicker, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Richard Burr, Mike Crapo, David Perdue, John Thune, Tom Cotton, Rick Scott, Mike Rounds, John Cornyn.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 224.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion is agreed to.

The clerk will report the nomination. The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of David Schenker, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Near Eastern Affairs).

#### CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

#### CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of David Schenker, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Near Eastern Affairs).

Mitch McConnell, Pat Roberts, Steve Daines, John Barrasso, Tim Scott, Lindsey Graham, John Boozman, Roger F. Wicker, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Richard Burr, Mike Crapo, David Perdue, John Thune, Tom Cotton, Rick Scott, Mike Rounds, John Cornyn.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion is agreed to.



## EXECUTIVE SESSION

## EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I move to executive session to consider Calendar No. 162.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion is agreed to.

The clerk will report the nomination. The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Heath P. Tarbert, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

## CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

## CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Heath P. Tarbert, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

Mitch McConnell, Pat Roberts, Steve Daines, John Barrasso, Tim Scott, Lindsey Graham, John Boozman, Roger F. Wicker, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Richard Burr, Mike Crapo, David Perdue, John Thune, Tom Cotton, Rick Scott, Mike Rounds, John Cornyn.

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

## EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 163.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion is agreed to.

The clerk will report the nomination. The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Heath P. Tarbert, of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for a term expiring April 13, 2024.

## CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

## CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule

XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Heath P. Tarbert, of Maryland, to be Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for a term expiring April 13, 2024.

Mitch McConnell, Pat Roberts, Steve Daines, John Barrasso, Tim Scott, Lindsey Graham, John Boozman, Roger F. Wicker, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Richard Burr, Mike Crapo, David Perdue, John Thune, Tom Cotton, Rick Scott, Mike Rounds, John Cornyn.

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

## EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 198.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Susan Combs, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

## CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

## CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Susan Combs, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

Mitch McConnell, Pat Roberts, Steve Daines, John Barrasso, Tim Scott, Lindsey Graham, John Boozman, Roger F. Wicker, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Richard Burr, Mike Crapo, David Perdue, John Thune, Tom Cotton, Rick Scott, Mike Rounds, John Cornyn.

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

## EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 39.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Ryan T. Holte, of Ohio, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

## CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

## CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Ryan T. Holte, of Ohio, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

Mitch McConnell, Roy Blunt, Joni Ernst, Steve Daines, Roger F. Wicker, John Thune, Thom Tillis, John Kennedy, John Boozman, Pat Roberts, Mike Rounds, John Cornyn, Richard Burr, John Barrasso, Lindsey Graham, Rick Scott.

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. MCCONNELL. I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

## EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 40.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Rossie David Alston, Jr., of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia.

## CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

## CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Rossie David Alston, Jr., of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia.

Mitch McConnell, Pat Roberts, Steve Daines, John Barrasso, Tim Scott,

Lindsey Graham, John Boozman, Roger F. Wicker, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Richard Burr, Mike Crapo, David Perdue, John Thune, Tom Cotton, Rick Scott, Mike Rounds, John Cornyn.

### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. McCONNELL. I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 56.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Richard A. Hertling, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

#### CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

#### CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Richard A. Hertling, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

Mitch McConnell, Pat Roberts, Steve Daines, John Barrasso, Tim Scott, Lindsey Graham, John Boozman, Roger F. Wicker, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Richard Burr, Mike Crapo, David Perdue, John Thune, Tom Cotton, Rick Scott, Mike Rounds, John Cornyn.

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar Nos. 247 through 251 and 253 through 286 and all of the nominations on the Secretary's Desk in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy; that the nominations be confirmed; that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order; that any statements related to the nominations be printed in the RECORD; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

#### IN THE ARMY

The following named Army National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12211:

##### *To be brigadier general*

Col. Edward S. Smith

#### IN THE MARINE CORPS

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Marine Corps to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

##### *To be brigadier general*

Col. Marcus B. Annibale  
Col. Melvin G. Carter  
Col. Robert C. Fulford  
Col. Joseph A. Matos, III  
Col. Jason L. Morris  
Col. Thomas B. Savage  
Col. Daniel L. Shipley  
Col. James B. Wellons  
Col. Brian N. Wolford

#### IN THE ARMY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

##### *To be lieutenant general*

Maj. Gen. Duane A. Gamble

#### IN THE NAVY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

##### *To be vice admiral*

Rear Adm. Scott D. Conn

#### IN THE ARMY

The following named officer for appointment as Chief of Staff of the Army and appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 601 and 7033:

##### *To be general*

Gen. James C. McConville

#### IN THE AIR FORCE

The following named Air National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

##### *To be lieutenant general*

Maj. Gen. Marc H. Sasseville

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

##### *To be lieutenant general*

Maj. Gen. Eric T. Fick

#### IN THE ARMY

The following named officer for appointment as Vice Chief of Staff of the Army and appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 601 and 7034:

##### *To be general*

Lt. Gen. Joseph M. Martin

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

##### *To be lieutenant general*

Lt. Gen. Laura J. Richardson

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

##### *To be lieutenant general*

Maj. Gen. Robert P. White

#### IN THE NAVY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

##### *To be vice admiral*

Vice Adm. William R. Merz

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

##### *To be vice admiral*

Rear Adm. Ross A. Myers

#### IN THE MARINE CORPS

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Marine Corps to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

##### *To be lieutenant general*

Lt. Gen. Eric M. Smith

#### IN THE AIR FORCE

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

##### *To be general*

Lt. Gen. Arnold W. Bunch, Jr.

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

##### *To be brigadier general*

Col. David A. Harris, Jr.

#### IN THE NAVY

The following named officer for appointment as Chief of Naval Operations and appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 601 and 8033:

##### *To be admiral*

Adm. William F. Moran

The following named officer for appointment as Vice Chief of Naval Operations and appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 601 and 8035:

##### *To be admiral*

Vice Adm. Robert P. Burke

#### IN THE MARINE CORPS

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Marine Corps to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

##### *To be lieutenant general*

Lt. Gen. Herman S. Clardy, III

#### IN THE ARMY

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

##### *To be major general*

Brig. Gen. Peter B. Andrysiak, Jr.  
Brig. Gen. Jonathan P. Braga  
Brig. Gen. John W. Brennan, Jr.  
Brig. Gen. Miguel A. Correa  
Brig. Gen. Clement S. Coward, Jr.

Brig. Gen. Patrick J. Donahoe  
 Brig. Gen. Christopher T. Donahue  
 Brig. Gen. Scott L. Efflandt  
 Brig. Gen. Michael R. Fenzel  
 Brig. Gen. David J. Francis  
 Brig. Gen. Bradley T. Gericke  
 Brig. Gen. Neil S. Hersey  
 Brig. Gen. Lonnie G. Hibbard  
 Brig. Gen. Diana M. Holland  
 Brig. Gen. Omar J. Jones, IV  
 Brig. Gen. Stephen J. Maranian  
 Brig. Gen. Matthew W. McFarlane  
 Brig. Gen. Christopher O. Mohan  
 Brig. Gen. Laura A. Potter  
 Brig. Gen. Thomas A. Pugh  
 Brig. Gen. Robert A. Rasch, Jr.  
 Brig. Gen. John B. Richardson, IV  
 Brig. Gen. Kenneth T. Royar  
 Brig. Gen. Stephen G. Smith  
 Brig. Gen. Thomas H. Todd, III  
 Brig. Gen. Kevin Vereen  
 Brig. Gen. Robert F. Whittle, Jr.  
 Brig. Gen. David Wilson

## IN THE AIR FORCE

The following named Air National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12212:

*To be brigadier general*

Col. Tracy D. Smith

The following named Air National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12212:

*To be brigadier general*

Col. Frank W. Roy

## IN THE ARMY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

*To be lieutenant general*

Maj. Gen. Leopoldo A. Quintas, Jr.

The following named Army National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12211:

*To be major general*

Brig. Gen. Kenneth A. Nava

The following named Army National Guard of the United States officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12211:

*To be major general*

Brig. Gen. Francis J. Evon, Jr.  
 Brig. Gen. David J. Mikolaities

The following Army National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12211:

*To be major general*

Brig. Gen. Mark J. Schindler

The following named officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grades indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

*To be major general*

Brig. Gen. John F. Hussey  
 Brig. Gen. Andrew J. Juknelis

*To be brigadier general*

Col. Jan C. Norris  
 Col. Michael K. Pyle

The following named Army National Guard of the United States officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indi-

cated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12211:

*To be brigadier general*

Col. Nicole M. Balliet  
 Col. James A. Benson  
 Col. Brian D. Bobo  
 Col. Rodney C. Boyd  
 Col. Andre J. Chevalier  
 Col. Michael N. Cleveland  
 Col. Amy F. Cook  
 Col. Timothy D. Covington  
 Col. Ronald A. Cupples  
 Col. Jamie J. Dailey  
 Col. Ronnie B. Delfin  
 Col. Thomas C. Friloux  
 Col. Kevin A. Fujimoto  
 Col. Doyle Gillis, Jr.  
 Col. Charles D. Hausman  
 Col. Cindy H. Haygood  
 Col. Lynn M. Heng  
 Col. Larry L. Henry  
 Col. Scott W. Hiipakka  
 Col. Christine L. Hoffmann  
 Col. Bryan M. Howay  
 Col. Jack A. James  
 Col. Nick Johnson  
 Col. Robert J. Larkin  
 Col. John A. Leblanc  
 Col. David A. Lopina  
 Col. Corwin J. Lusk  
 Col. Roger D. Lyles  
 Col. Thomas H. Mancino  
 Col. Timothy S. McLaughlin  
 Col. Alberto L. Miranda  
 Col. Jennifer R. Mitchell  
 Col. Jesse M. Morehouse  
 Col. Alan B. Naugher  
 Col. John T. Oakley  
 Col. Douglas A. Paul  
 Col. John A. Pelleriti  
 Col. John J. Perkins  
 Col. Dean A. Preston  
 Col. Stephen L. Rhoades  
 Col. Christopher S. Sandison  
 Col. Stephen E. Schemenauer  
 Col. Matthew D. Smith  
 Col. Wallace E. Steinbrecher  
 Col. Robin B. Stilwell  
 Col. Craig W. Strong  
 Col. Blair E. Tinkham  
 Col. Michael A. Tougher, III  
 Col. Michael E. Wegscheider  
 Col. Brian F. Wertzler  
 Col. Richard A. Wholey  
 Col. Richard D. Wilson  
 Col. John J. Wojcik  
 Col. James A. Zollar

The following named Army National Guard of the United States officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12211:

*To be brigadier general*

Col. Bradley J. Cox  
 Col. Carl C. Danberg  
 Col. Daniel H. Dent  
 Col. Ralph R. Robovsky  
 Col. Adam C. Volant

The following Army National Guard of the United States officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grades indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12211:

*To be brigadier general*

Col. Andrew C. Diefenthaler  
 Col. James M. Jones

## IN THE NAVY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

*To be vice admiral*

Rear Adm. Sean S. Buck

## IN THE MARINE CORPS

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Marine Corps to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

*To be lieutenant general*

Lt. Gen. John J. Broadmeadow

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Marine Corps to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

*To be lieutenant general*

Lt. Gen. Brian D. Beaudreaux

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Marine Corps to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

*To be lieutenant general*

Lt. Gen. George W. Smith, Jr.

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Marine Corps to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

*To be lieutenant general*

Lt. Gen. Robert F. Hedelund

## IN THE ARMY

The following named officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grades indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

*To be major general*

Brig. Gen. Rodney L. Faulk  
 Brig. Gen. Deborah L. Kotulich  
 Brig. Gen. Frederick R. Maiocco  
 Brig. Gen. Gregory J. Mosser  
 Brig. Gen. John H. Phillips  
 Brig. Gen. Joe D. Robinson  
 Brig. Gen. Alberto C. Rosende  
 Brig. Gen. Richard C. Staats, Jr.  
 Brig. Gen. Kevin C. Wulforst

*To be brigadier general*

Col. Timothy E. Brennan  
 Col. Cary J. Cowan, Jr.  
 Col. Christopher J. Dziubek  
 Col. Jeffrey M. Farris  
 Col. Robert E. Guidry  
 Col. Michelle A. Link  
 Col. Laurence S. Linton  
 Col. Pamela L. McGaha  
 Col. Steven B. McLaughlin  
 Col. Joseph A. Papenfus  
 Col. Joseph A. Ricciardi  
 Col. Patricia R. Wallace  
 Col. David P. Warshaw  
 Col. Stuart E. Werner  
 Col. Wanda N. Williams

## IN THE AIR FORCE

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

*To be lieutenant general*

Maj. Gen. David S. Nahom

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

*To be lieutenant general*

Lt. Gen. Marshall B. Webb

## IN THE ARMY

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

*To be brigadier general*

Col. Jack M. Davis

Col. Paula C. Lodi  
Col. Mark W. Thompson

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

*To be major general*

Brig. Gen. Jeffery D. Broadwater

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S  
DESK

IN THE AIR FORCE

PN568 AIR FORCE nomination of Christopher B. Athearn, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2019.

PN620 AIR FORCE nominations (3) beginning ERIKA O. BERNARDO, and ending CAROLE M.Y. VILLAMARIA, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 11, 2019.

PN621 AIR FORCE nominations (5) beginning COREY T. BEALS, and ending CHRISTOPHER R. WILLIAMS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 11, 2019.

PN622 AIR FORCE nomination of Daniel W. Schlieder, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 11, 2019.

PN623 AIR FORCE nominations (43) beginning DEBORAH J. ANGELES, and ending KERI L. YOUNG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 11, 2019.

PN649 AIR FORCE nomination of Douglas P. Wickert, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2019.

PN650 AIR FORCE nomination of Richard T. Cooney, Jr., which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2019.

PN652 AIR FORCE nominations (2) beginning TAMMIE A. CANADA, and ending DOUGLAS N. SCHNEEKLOTH, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2019.

PN654 AIR FORCE nominations (52) beginning ALEXANDER A. ADELEYE, and ending DESBAH R. YAZZIE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2019.

PN655 AIR FORCE nominations (4) beginning LEO J. BURKARDT, and ending DAVID M. MAURER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2019.

PN694 AIR FORCE nominations (3) beginning MICHAEL R. CABRAL, and ending RAY A. ZUNIGA, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2019.

PN709 AIR FORCE nomination of Tann S. Jones, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 2, 2019.

IN THE ARMY

PN569 ARMY nomination of Theodore W. Kleisner, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2019.

PN570 ARMY nomination of Robert W. Hughes, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2019.

PN571 ARMY nomination of Larry R. Jordan, Jr., which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2019.

PN572 ARMY nomination of Kontrina S. Park, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2019.

PN573 ARMY nomination of Marcus L. Jordan, which was received by the Senate and

appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2019.

PN574 ARMY nominations (3) beginning ROBERT M. HUDSON, and ending JAMES D. SIZEMORE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2019.

PN575 ARMY nominations (4) beginning JOHN E. CALLIHAN, II, and ending JEFFREY F. RYAN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2019.

PN576 ARMY nomination of Boguslaw A. Augustyn, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2019.

PN577 ARMY nominations (154) beginning JAMES R. ACHENBACH, and ending KEITH B. WEBER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2019.

PN578 ARMY nominations (50) beginning KEITH A. ARCHIBALD, and ending FRANK L. WITSBERGER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2019.

PN579 ARMY nominations (210) beginning TIMOTHY B. ALEXANDER, and ending WING Y. YU, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2019.

PN624 ARMY nomination of Christopher L. Metzger, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 11, 2019.

PN625 ARMY nomination of Jonathan W. Anderson, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 11, 2019.

PN656 ARMY nomination of Brian J. Reed, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2019.

PN657 ARMY nomination of Thomas J. Wargo, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2019.

PN658 ARMY nomination of Terrence Sommers, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2019.

PN660 ARMY nomination of David M. Rozelle, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2019.

PN661 ARMY nomination of Tony L. Dedmond, Jr., which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2019.

PN662 ARMY nomination of Ray G. McCulloch, II, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2019.

PN665 ARMY nomination of Cory J. Cousins, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2019.

PN666 ARMY nomination of Damon L. Augustine, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2019.

PN667 ARMY nomination of Paul J. Stambaugh, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2019.

PN668 ARMY nomination of Brenton D. Griffith, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2019.

PN669 ARMY nomination of Andrew E. Radbill, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2019.

PN672 ARMY nominations (2) beginning RICHARD ELIAS, and ending WILLIAM A. WATTS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2019.

PN673 ARMY nominations (12) beginning MARLON G. BURNS, and ending MICHAEL F. WOOD, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2019.

PN674 ARMY nominations (2) beginning PAUL R. BARBO, and ending MARK A. WURTH, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2019.

PN675 ARMY nominations (5) beginning FREDERICK W. ALF, III, and ending MICHAEL D. LEWIS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2019.

PN697 ARMY nominations (23) beginning TIMOTHY S. ADAMS, and ending DENNIS R. TURNER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 30, 2019.

PN698 ARMY nominations (44) beginning CAROL A. ANDERSON, and ending ABDUL R. WILLIS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 30, 2019.

PN699 ARMY nominations (7) beginning THOMAS A. BRYANT, and ending ARTHUR F. YEAGER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 30, 2019.

PN700 ARMY nominations (8) beginning JEREMY J. BEARSS, and ending MICHELLE THOMPSON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 30, 2019.

PN710 ARMY nomination of Rebecca A. Brawner, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 2, 2019.

IN THE MARINE CORPS

PN629 MARINE CORPS nominations (29) beginning LESLIE S. ALBERS, and ending SEAN E. ZUKOWSKY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 11, 2019.

IN THE NAVY

PN315 NAVY nomination of Steven J. Debich, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 24, 2019.

PN316 NAVY nomination of Neil Partain, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 24, 2019.

PN406 NAVY nomination of Robert G. Graham, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 12, 2019.

PN407 NAVY nomination of Laura C. Gilstrap, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 12, 2019.

PN440 NAVY nomination of Micheal K. Wagner, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 25, 2019.

PN441 NAVY nomination of Jason T. Stepp, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 25, 2019.

PN442 NAVY nomination of Stephen C. Plew, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 25, 2019.

PN443 NAVY nomination of Michael D. Krisman, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 25, 2019.

PN444 NAVY nomination of Michael J. Cirivello, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 25, 2019.

PN445 NAVY nomination of Zachary J. Conley, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 25, 2019.

PN488 NAVY nomination of Brentone E. Helbig, which was received by the Senate

and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 5, 2019.

PN550 NAVY nomination of Patrick H. O'Mahoney, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 26, 2019.

PN581 NAVY nominations (3) beginning GUY W. JENSEN, and ending VENITA M. SIMPSON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2019.

PN582 NAVY nomination of Marissa A. Mayor, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2019.

PN583 NAVY nomination of Adam C. Hancock, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2019.

PN584 NAVY nomination of John J. Eastman, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 4, 2019.

PN626 NAVY nomination of Terence B. McAdoo, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 11, 2019.

PN627 NAVY nomination of Donald A. Sinitiere, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 11, 2019.

PN628 NAVY nominations (45) beginning ROBERT H. BATTLE, and ending KEITH E. WILBER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 11, 2019.

PN689 NAVY nomination of Riley A. Walls, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2019.

PN690 NAVY nomination of Benjamin D. Adams, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2019.

PN691 NAVY nomination of Jessica M. Miller, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2019.

PN692 NAVY nomination of Frank R. Bittner, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2019.

PN693 NAVY nomination of David M. Groves, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2019.

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the en bloc consideration of the following nominations: Executive Calendar Nos. 226, 227, 228, 235, 236, and 237.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the nominations en bloc.

The bill clerk read the nominations of Michael G. Bailey, of Arizona, to be United States Attorney for the District of Arizona for the term of four years; Brent R. Bunn, of Idaho, to be United States Marshal for the District of Idaho for the term of four years; Eric S. Gartner, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania for the term of four years; Timothy J. Downing, of Oklahoma, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma for the term of four years; William Travis Brown, Jr., of Louisiana,

to be United States Marshal for the Middle District of Louisiana for the term of four years; and Michael Blaine East, of North Carolina, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of North Carolina for the term of four years.

Thereupon, the Senate proceeded to consider the nominations en bloc.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate vote on the nominations en bloc with no intervening action or debate; that if confirmed, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table en bloc; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; that no further motions be in order; and that any statements related to the nominations be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Bailey, Bunn, Gartner, Downing, Brown, and East nominations en bloc?

The nominations were confirmed en bloc.

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the following nominations: Executive Calendar Nos. 112 and 124.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the nominations en bloc.

The bill clerk read the nominations of William Bookless, of California, to be Principal Deputy Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, and Christopher Fall, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Science, Department of Energy.

Thereupon, the Senate proceeded to consider the nominations en bloc.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate vote on the nominations with no intervening action or debate; that if confirmed, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; that no further motions be in order; and that any statements relating to the nominations be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Bookless and Fall nominations en bloc?

The nominations were confirmed en bloc.

#### UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I further ask unanimous consent that at a time to be determined by the majority leader, in consultation with the Democratic leader, the Senate proceed to executive session and the consider-

ation of Executive Calendar No. 122; that the Senate vote on the nomination with no intervening action or debate; that if confirmed, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; that no further motions be in order; and that any statements relating to the nomination be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the en bloc consideration of the following nominations: Executive Calendar Nos. 177, 220, 289, 290, 291, 179, 218, and all nominations on the Secretary's Desk in the Foreign Service.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the nominations en bloc.

The bill clerk read the nominations of Michael J. Fitzpatrick, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Ecuador; Kate Marie Byrnes, of Florida, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of North Macedonia; Bridget A. Brink, of Michigan, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Slovak Republic; John Jefferson Daigle, of Louisiana, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Cabo Verde; Matthew S. Klimow, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Executive Service, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Turkmenistan; Jeffrey Ross Gunter, of California, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Iceland; James S. Gilmore, of Virginia, to be U.S. Representative to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, with the rank of Ambassador; PN519 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (7) beginning Kenneth H. Merten, and ending Kevin M. Whitaker, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of March 25, 2019; PN604 FOREIGN SERVICE nomination of Lisa Anne Rigoli, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of April 10, 2019; and PN607 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (5) beginning

Timothy Ryan Harrison, and ending Rachel Lynne Vanderberg, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of April 10, 2019.

Thereupon, the Senate proceeded to consider the nominations en bloc.

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate vote on the nominations en bloc with no intervening action or debate; that if confirmed, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table en bloc; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; that no further motions be in order; and that any statements relating to the nominations be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Fitzpatrick, Byrnes, Brink, Daigle, Klimow, Gunter, and Gilmore nominations and all nominations on the Secretary's Desk in the Foreign Service en bloc?

The nominations were confirmed en bloc.

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the en bloc consideration of the following nominations: Executive Calendar Nos. 187 and 215.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the nominations en bloc.

The bill clerk read the nominations of John Barsa, of Florida, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development and Richard C. Parker, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Thereupon, the Senate proceeded to consider the nominations en bloc.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate vote on the nominations en bloc with no intervening action or debate; that if confirmed, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table en bloc; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; that no further motions be in order; and that any statements relating to the nominations be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Barsa and Parker nominations en bloc?

The nominations were confirmed en bloc.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

##### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Sen-

ate proceed to legislative session for a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### TRIBUTE TO ALVIN H. PERRY

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, today it is my high honor to pay tribute to a genuine Kentucky hero. As a member of the greatest generation, Alvin H. Perry of Wilmore, KY, personifies the greatest values of our Nation. In the Second World War, he fought with the Allied forces of freedom to defeat one of the greatest evils the world has ever known. In doing so, Alvin earned the lasting admiration of his countrymen and the gratitude of the free world.

To commemorate the 75th anniversary of D-day, the largest amphibious invasion in world history, the French Republic will express its thanks and respect to Alvin in a special way. At a ceremony in Wilmore, the Consul General of France responsible for Kentucky Guillaume Lacroix will present Alvin, now 95, with his nation's highest distinction: the Legion of Honor Medal.

The American and French people share a unique bond of friendship. As our consequential ally during the War of Independence, our two countries stood shoulder-to-shoulder in the pursuit of liberty and equality. Years later, millions of American soldiers would fight in France to defend those same principles. More than 100,000 of them would make the ultimate sacrifice there, and tens of thousands of our heroic fallen rest in French soil forevermore.

There is perhaps no better display of this brotherhood among nations than the events during Operation Overlord. On the beaches of Normandy and across the French countryside, American forces once more came to the defense of our friends and our shared ideals. It was during the Battle of Normandy that PFC Alvin Perry and his 331st Infantry Regiment, 83rd Infantry Division, took their first steps onto the European continent fighting for the liberation of France.

During the battle, Alvin was wounded, struck with a bullet in his shoulder. He was unable to receive proper medical attention and, along with other members of his unit, was later captured by the enemy. Alvin spent the following 10 months as a prisoner of war near Munich, where he endured brutal conditions and forced labor in a Nazi camp. He struggled each day, relying upon aid parcels for survival. But through all his hardships, Alvin never faltered or resigned to defeat. At long last, it was the sight of an Allied tank that finally meant liberation for this brave soldier. It also marked the end of his wartime service. Like his father and brother who also served in uniform, Alvin bravely defended our democracy and our American way of life.

When Alvin returned home to Kentucky, he was adorned with the Prisoner of War Medal, the Purple Heart Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal for his intrepid service in France. Now, after more than seven decades, Alvin will add another well-deserved decoration.

Originally founded by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1802, the National Order of the Legion of Honor is bestowed only on those who render the highest levels of service to the French Republic and her people. Receiving the honor, Alvin joins a distinguished membership that includes Secretary of State Colin Powell, General George C. Patton, and First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt.

Our Nation's veterans deserve our utmost respect and gratitude, and I am grateful for the chance to honor this particular hero. So, it is my sincere privilege to congratulate Alvin for receiving this impressive distinction. Through his service and sacrifice, he has made us all quite proud. I ask my Senate colleagues to join me, the people of Kentucky, and the French Republic in thanking Alvin Perry for his service to the cause of human freedom.

#### VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I was necessarily absent from votes number 128 and number 129 due to the birth of my granddaughter, Josephine Emily Durbin. Had I been present, I would have voted yea to waive the Budget Act with respect to the emergency spending to help the States and Territories impacted by storms and other natural disasters. I would have voted yea on passage of H.R. 2157, as amended by the Shelby-Leahy substitute amendment, as well.

#### NDAA

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, Democrats continue to propose thoughtful, effective solutions to the humanitarian crisis at our southern border.

In February, after the President finally ended his government shutdown, I helped write an omnibus appropriations bill that included \$564 million for inspection equipment at ports of entry to detect lethal narcotics and \$414 million for humanitarian assistance at the border.

Last week, I and a number of my colleagues are reintroducing a comprehensive bill to address the root causes of the humanitarian crisis coming out of the Northern Triangle. Our bill cracks down on cartels and traffickers, provides for in-country processing so that refugees can seek protection without making a dangerous northbound journey, expands third-country resettlement in the region, and eliminates immigration court backlogs.

I note with regret that the President and his political appointees in the Department of Defense have other priorities. They continue to take from our military and ignore our military's



readiness to build the President's medieval wall.

We all remember Donald Trump's idea that we need a 2,000-mile concrete wall from sea to shining sea and his claim that Mexico would pay for it. He said it some 200 times on the campaign trail and in the Oval Office.

When Mexico said no, the President told the military they would have to pay for it. On February 15, President Trump announced that he would go around Congress and build the wall with \$6.1 billion that Congress gave to our military. After the announcement, the President was asked if he had consulted his military advisers first. He said that they told him some of the tradeoffs, but, "It didn't sound too important to me."

In March, Acting Secretary Shanahan took the first step: taking \$1 billion appropriated by Congress for military pay and pensions to use for the wall. DOD told us that they had more money than they needed because the Army missed their recruiting goals.

At a hearing that same week, Secretary of the Army Mark Esper admitted that the Army hadn't budgeted for paying the salaries of the troops on the border, and they were short \$350 million. Why didn't Acting Secretary of Defense Shanahan take this \$1 billion of extra funds and give some to the Army? His notification to Congress laid it out in disappointing detail. He labeled the wall a "higher priority."

It is incredible that these are the priorities of the President and Acting Secretary Shanahan: wall first, military last.

Then on May 10, Acting Secretary Shanahan did it again, but he took \$1.5 billion from the military this time. The Washington Post headline the next day said it all: "Pentagon will pull money from ballistic missile and surveillance plane programs to fund border wall."

Once again, the Pentagon claimed that the funds were extra, that the Pentagon couldn't spend this missile defense money and surveillance money this year for various reasons. Once again, the "higher priority" was the wall.

But the Army isn't the only one in need. Each military service is blinking red. Last month, in a leaked memo, the head of the Marine Corps, General Neller, said that the President's decision was contributing to "unacceptable risk to Marine Corps combat readiness and solvency."

General Neller noted that the marines had already pulled out of three military exercises and were cutting back on combat equipment maintenance because there wasn't enough money to go around. He noted that Hurricanes Florence and Michael last year had done \$3.6 billion in damage to Camp Lejeune and other Marine Corps property. He said that marines were living in "compromised housing," with another hurricane season starting up

this June. He also warned that he might also have to cancel more than a dozen additional exercises if the marines didn't get budget help. Once again, we are seeing the wall is first, and the military is last.

In an unusual move late last month, Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson published an op-ed highlighting the impact of several natural disasters on Air Force bases. In October 2018, Hurricane Michael inflicted \$4.7 billion of damage on Tyndall Air Force Base in Florida. In March 2019, a historic flood inundated Offutt Air Force base in Nebraska, submerging dozens of buildings. The Senate continues to work on an emergency supplemental to make a down payment on repairs at these bases, as well as at Camp Lejeune, but in the meantime, this \$1.5 billion could have jump started repairs months ago. Once again, the wall came first, and the military came last.

In each case, the Pentagon didn't ask me to approve these transfers as it normally does. As vice chair of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, I have different priorities, the ones I have mentioned, and so they went around me and the rest of Congress.

Also still to come is the \$3.6 billion from cancelling important military construction projects. The damage continues to pile up. These harmful decisions will continue until my Republican colleagues side with our military over a campaign pledge. I hope they think long and hard about which one of those is more important.

#### NOMINATIONS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, once again, our Republican colleagues are spending another week rubberstamping President Trump's extreme nominees.

Daniel Collins, nominated to a California Ninth Circuit seat, received a vote over the objection of both of California's Senators.

Before this year, a judicial nominee had never been confirmed over the objection of both home State Senators. Mr. Collins's confirmation marked the sixth time it has happened this year.

This Republican Senate has effectively killed the blue slip for circuit court nominations. This is a precedent that could come back to haunt each of our States. My Republican colleagues who are voting repeatedly to override home State Senators' objections may come to regret those votes someday.

I opposed the Collins nomination. I agree with Senators Feinstein and Harris that Collins has "a history of taking strong litigation positions for no reason other than attempting to overturn precedent and push legal boundaries."

I am particularly troubled by his extensive representation of the tobacco industry and his inadequate recusal commitment when it comes to matters involving his former tobacco industry clients.

The district court nominees scheduled for votes this week also have a

long history of advancing extreme ideological views.

When it comes to abortion, North Carolina district court nominee Kenneth Bell once wrote in an op-ed, "There is no middle ground." Missouri district court nominee Stephen Clark has spent much of his legal career litigating against reproductive rights and access to contraceptives.

Utah district court nominee Howard Nielson wrote a memo for the Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel, arguing that the Geneva Conventions, which prohibit torture, do not apply to civilians captured abroad.

DC district nominee Carl Nichols has advanced extreme views of Executive power, including arguing that Presidents and Presidential aides have absolute immunity from congressional process.

I opposed these extreme nominees, and I regret that the Senate's advice and consent process has become an exercise in Republican rubberstamping. This institution can and should do better.

#### ALBERTO CURAMIL

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President I want to bring to the Senate's attention the story and the example of Alberto Curamil, an environmental activist who is a member of the indigenous Mapuche people in Chile's Araucania region. The Mapuche are Chile's largest indigenous group, and since the 1800s they have struggled to protect their culture, territory, rivers, forests, and natural resources against encroachment and destruction by settlers and energy companies that have often acted with impunity and the backing of the government. Mr. Curamil has dedicated his life to this cause. It is the existential struggle of indigenous people in scores of countries as the insatiable global demand for energy, arable land, water, timber, oil, gas, and minerals threatens their ancestral lands and way of life.

Several years ago, during a prolonged drought in Chile, the Ministry of Energy announced a plan for two large hydroelectric projects in Araucania, without consulting the Mapuche people who live there. The projects would reportedly divert more than 500 million gallons of water for power generation, severely limiting water flow and damaging the ecosystem of the Cautin River on which many of the Mapuche people depend for survival.

Mr. Curamil, who has three children, lives on the outskirts of the town of Curacautin. He is a farmer who raises animals. His wife teaches the Mapuche language. Fearing what the harm to the river would mean for his people, he organized Mapuche and non-Mapuche, environmental organizations, lawyers, and academics to try to stop the projects. In public protests and in court, they argued that the government had ignored Chilean law which

requires free, prior, and informed consent of affected communities before approving such projects. Despite harassment, threats, and violent attacks, Mr. Curamil succeeded in uniting the opposition, and in 2016 the projects were canceled.

But that was not the end of it.

On August 14, 2018, Mr. Curamil was arrested by Chile's national police and imprisoned. He has been charged with assault during a bank robbery in which a guard was injured and hostages taken. An anonymous witness reportedly said that one of the robbers looked like a Mapuche, and they arrested Mr. Curamil. There have been no judicial proceedings, and Mr. Curamil remains in pretrial detention.

Mr. Curamil and his family say that he is a victim of retaliation for his environmental activism, that he was attending a meeting in a different town at the time of the robbery, and that multiple people can attest to his presence there. At the time of his arrest, his house was ransacked by police and left in a shambles.

In November 2018, another Mapuche, Camilo Catrillanca, age 24, died after being shot in the back by police. He was a member of the Mapuche Territorial Alliance, a grassroots organization that seeks to reintegrate the Mapuche people through reclaiming their language, territory, and rights that were fractured and repeatedly violated during the past two centuries.

I mention these events to put in context the recent announcement that Alberto Curamil was selected as one of the 2019 winners of the Goldman Environmental Prize. The prize honors grassroots environmental activists from around the world, singling out individuals for their extraordinary and sustained efforts to protect the natural environment, often at great personal risk.

Not only did Mr. Curamil lead a successful challenge to the unlawful decision by the Chilean Ministry of Energy, he is being subjected to what many suspect is a flagrant and vindictive abuse of the judicial process of the type that we have come to expect in countries with authoritarian governments like Russia but not democracies like Chile.

If the Chilean authorities have credible evidence to support the charge against Mr. Curamil, they should produce it in a public trial and provide him with the opportunity to defend himself. Instead, nearly 10 months since his arrest, he languishes in jail while his wife and children are alone fending for themselves.

The attempts to intimidate and silence Mr. Curamil and the threats to his people and the natural environment are not unique. This is happening to indigenous people all over the world, and each year the prestigious Goldman Environmental Prize helps to call attention to those like Mr. Curamil who have risked their lives on behalf of their communities, wildlife species,

rivers, lakes, forests, and oceans that are being threatened or destroyed.

Mr. Curamil is an activist for environmental and social justice that Chileans should take pride in. Like the many hundreds in attendance in San Francisco and Washington who cheered when his daughter, Belen Curamil, received the prize on his behalf, the Chilean people should recognize Mr. Curamil for his courageous defense of Chile's natural environment and diverse cultural heritage.

We should also be concerned that Mr. Curamil's arrest takes place against a backdrop of escalating violence between the national police and Mapuche activists. At the heart of the dispute is land ownership and lack of consultation on legislation or investment projects that directly affect the Mapuche. Timber is Chile's second-largest export commodity, worth billions of dollars annually, and the political elite is deeply invested in the industry. Mapuche activists are engaged in a campaign against the timber industry and its defenders in the government. In response, prosecutors are using an anti-terrorism law originally introduced by the military dictatorship of Augusto Pinochet to stifle political dissent. The law allows for indefinite pretrial detention, investigations being kept secret for up to 6 months, and evidence admitted in oral hearings from anonymous witnesses, as in Mr. Curamil's case.

This situation is aptly described by Global Witness in its 2017 report, *Defenders of the Earth*:

It is increasingly clear that, globally, governments and business are failing in their duty to protect activists at risk . . . Ironically, it is the activists themselves who are painted as criminals, facing trumped-up criminal charges and aggressive civil cases brought by governments and companies seeking to silence them. This criminalization is used to intimidate defenders, tarnish their reputations and lock them into costly legal battles.

Chile's police have intervened violently on the side of private companies, intimidating Mapuche communities. The UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples warned that the government and police are increasingly targeting activists who are campaigning to protect their land from mining, logging, and dams. The Inter-American Court of Human Rights has condemned the Chilean Government for applying anti-terrorism laws against Mapuche leaders.

According to Amnesty International, "Although violence against defenders is a constant in the region, little is known about what is happening in Chile, especially in relation to the historical context of criminalization and stigmatization of the Mapuche and their leaders. The Chilean authorities have an obligation to guarantee conditions that enable human rights defenders to carry out their work and to establish protection mechanisms for environmental defenders and Indigenous leaders who face constant criminalization and stigmatization."

Again, these circumstances are not unique to Chile. Similar confrontations are occurring in many countries. But Mr. Curamil's receipt of the Goldman Environmental Prize should cause everyone to pay attention, and to ask, Should not these issues be handled better? Is it acceptable for the Chilean Government to label these largely defenseless, mostly impoverished people as "terrorists," for trying to protect their territory and way of life? Should not the Chilean Government act as a convener of a dialogue that recognizes the legitimate rights of its indigenous population, that ensures they are consulted in a timely and meaningful way, as the law requires, about decisions that affect them, and that their views are properly reflected in those decisions? Is that not the government's responsibility? To listen to its citizens who have traditionally been ignored and whose way of life is threatened and to find creative, sustainable solutions?

I join others in congratulating Alberto Curamil for setting an example at a time when the natural environment is under siege due to human development; recklessness, and greed. We see the consequences on every continent—tropical forests cut down for oil palm plantations, coral reefs destroyed, rivers polluted, dammed and diverted, fish populations depleted, and other wildlife species facing extinction.

Earlier this month, a UN assessment of the world's biodiversity compiled by 145 experts from 50 countries over 3 years, reported that "the health of ecosystems on which we and all other species depend is deteriorating more rapidly than ever. We are eroding the very foundations of our economies, livelihoods, food security, health and quality of life worldwide."

This is true in Chile as it is in virtually every country. Complacency is not an answer, and I hope the Chilean Government will recognize that people like Alberto Curamil should be listened to and supported, not threatened and jailed.

#### VOTE EXPLANATION

Ms. HARRIS. Mr. President, I was necessarily absent but, had I been present on May 16, 2019, would have voted no on rollcall vote No. 116, the confirmation of Jeffrey A. Rosen, to be Deputy Attorney General.

Mr. President, I was necessarily absent but, had I been present, would have voted no on rollcall vote No. 123, the confirmation of Howard C. Nielson, Jr., of Utah, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah.

Mr. President, I was necessarily absent but, had I been present, would have voted no on rollcall vote No. 124, the confirmation of Stephen R. Clark, Sr., of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri.

Mr. President, I was necessarily absent but, had I been present, would have voted no on rollcall vote No. 125,

the confirmation of Carl J. Nichols, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

Mr. President, I was necessarily absent but, had I been present, would have voted no on rollcall vote No. 126, the confirmation of Kenneth D. Bell, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina.

BUDGET ENFORCEMENT LEVELS

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, section 251 of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, BBEDCA, establishes statutory limits on discretionary spending and allows for various adjustments to those limits. In addition, sections 302 and 314(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 allow the chairman of the Budget Committee to establish and make revisions to allocations, aggregates, and levels consistent with those adjustments.

The Senate will soon consider S. Amdt. 250 to H.R. 2157, Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2019. This measure provides appropriations to address recent natural disasters and contains spending that qualifies for cap adjustments under current statute.

This measure includes \$19,121 million in budget authority that is designated as being for emergency purposes pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of BBEDCA. Of that amount, \$2,693 million is for spending in the security category, and \$16,428 million is for non-security spending. CBO estimates that this budget authority will result in \$5,364 million in outlays in fiscal year 2019.

As a result of the aforementioned designations, I am revising the budget authority and outlay allocations to the Committee on Appropriations by increasing revised security budget authority by \$2,693 million, revised non-security budget authority by \$16,428 million, and outlays by \$5,364 million

in fiscal year 2019. Further, I am increasing the budgetary aggregate for fiscal year 2019 by \$19,121 million in budget authority and \$5,364 million in outlays.

I ask unanimous consent that the accompanying tables, which provide details about the adjustment, be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

REVISION TO BUDGETARY AGGREGATES	
(Pursuant to Sections 311 and 314(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974)	
\$ in millions	2019
Current Spending Aggregates:	
Budget Authority .....	3,639,324
Outlays .....	3,550,009
Adjustments:	
Budget Authority .....	19,121
Outlays .....	5,364
Revised Spending Aggregates:	
Budget Authority .....	3,658,445
Outlays .....	3,555,373

REVISION TO SPENDING ALLOCATION TO THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019

(Pursuant to Sections 302 and 314(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974)

\$ in millions	2019					
Current Allocation:						
Revised Security Discretionary Budget Authority .....						716,000
Revised Nonsecurity Category Discretionary Budget Authority .....						620,577
General Purpose Outlays .....						1,356,400
Adjustments:						
Revised Security Discretionary Budget Authority .....						2,693
Revised Nonsecurity Category Discretionary Budget Authority .....						16,428
General Purpose Outlays .....						5,364
Revised Allocation:						
Revised Security Discretionary Budget Authority .....						718,693
Revised Nonsecurity Category Discretionary Budget Authority .....						637,005
General Purpose Outlays .....						1,361,764
Memorandum: Detail of Adjustments Made Above	Regular	OCO	Program Integrity	Disaster Relief	Emergency	Total
Revised Security Discretionary Budget Authority .....	0	0	0	0	2,693	2,693
Revised Nonsecurity Category Discretionary Budget Authority .....	0	0	0	0	16,428	16,428
General Purpose Outlays .....	0	0	0	0	5,364	5,364

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act requires that Congress receive prior notification of certain proposed arms sales as defined by that statute. Upon such notification, the Congress has 30 calendar days during which the sale may be reviewed. The provision stipulates that, in the Senate, the notification of proposed sales shall be sent to the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

In keeping with the committee's intention to see that relevant information is available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the notifications which have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such annex is available to all Senators in the office of the Foreign Relations Committee, room SD-423.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

DEFENSE SECURITY  
COOPERATION AGENCY,  
Arlington, VA.

Hon. JAMES E. RISCH,  
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,  
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of

the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 19-32 concerning the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Canada for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$387 million. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

CHARLES W. HOOPER,  
Lieutenant General, USA, Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 19-32

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of Canada.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment \* \$288 million.

Other \$99 million.

Total \$387 million.

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Four hundred twenty-five (425) MK 54 Lightweight Torpedo Conversion Kits.

Non-MDE: Also included are torpedo containers, Recoverable Exercise Torpedoes (REXTORP) with containers, Fleet Exercise Section (FES) and fuel tanks, air launch accessories for fixed wing, torpedo spare parts, training, publications, support and test equipment, U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support

services, and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Navy (CN-P-AMP).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: CN-P-APR.

(vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None.

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: See Attached Annex.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: MAY 16, 2019.

\*As defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Canada—MK 54 Lightweight Torpedoes

The Government of Canada has requested to buy four hundred twenty-five (425) MK 54 lightweight torpedo conversion kits. Also included are torpedo containers, Recoverable Exercise Torpedoes (REXTORP) with containers, Fleet Exercise Section (FES) and fuel tanks, air launch accessories for fixed wing, torpedo spare parts, training, publications, support and test equipment, U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics and program support. The total estimated program cost is \$387 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by helping to improve the military capability of Canada, a NATO ally that is an important force for ensuring political stability and economic progress and a

contributor to military, peacekeeping and humanitarian operations around the world.

Canada intends to upgrade its current inventory of MK 46 torpedoes to the MK 54 with the purchase of these kits. The MK 54 torpedo is designed to be easily upgraded from the existing MK 46 torpedo. Canada plans to utilize MK 54 Lightweight Torpedoes on its Royal Canadian Navy's Halifax class ships, the Royal Canadian Air Force's CP-140 Aurora Aircraft, and the CH-148 Maritime Helicopters. Canada will have no difficulty absorbing this equipment into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractor for the MK 54 Torpedo is Raytheon Integrated Defense Systems, Portsmouth, Rhode Island. The Government of Canada is expected to negotiate an offset agreement with Raytheon, in accordance with Canada's Industrial and Technological Benefits (ITB) Policy, before signing the Letter of Offer and Acceptance (LOA).

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to Canada. However, it is anticipated that engineering and technical support services provided by the U.S. Government may be required on an interim basis for training and technical assistance.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

#### TRANSMITTAL NO. 19-32

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act

#### Annex Item No. vii

##### (vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The MK 54 Torpedo is a conventional torpedo that can be launched from surface ships, and rotary and fixed wing aircraft. The MK 54 is an upgrade to the MK 46 Torpedo. The upgrade to the MK 54 entails replacement of the torpedo's sonar and guidance and control systems with modern technology. The new guidance and control system uses a mixture of commercial-off-the-shelf and custom-built electronics. The warhead, fuel tank and propulsion system from the MK 46 torpedo are re-used in the MK 54 configuration with minor modifications. There is no sensitive technology in the MK 54 or its support and test equipment. The assembled MK 54 torpedo and several of its individual components are classified CONFIDENTIAL. The MK 54 operational software is classified as SECRET. Canada has not requested nor will it be provided with the source code for the MK 54 operational software.

2. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures or equivalent systems which might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

3. A determination has been made that Canada can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the technology being released as the U.S. Government. This sale supports the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives as outlined in the Policy Justification.

4. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to Canada.

#### ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act

requires that Congress receive prior notification of certain proposed arms sales as defined by that statute. Upon such notification, the Congress has 30 calendar days during which the sale may be reviewed. The provision stipulates that, in the Senate, the notification of proposed sales shall be sent to the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

In keeping with the committee's intention to see that relevant information is available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the notifications which have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such annex is available to all Senators in the office of the Foreign Relations Committee, room SD-423.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

DEFENSE SECURITY  
COOPERATION AGENCY,  
Arlington, VA.

Hon. JAMES E. RISCH,  
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,  
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 19-31, concerning the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Japan for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$317 million. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

CHARLES W. HOPPER,  
Lieutenant General, USA, Director.  
Enclosures.

#### TRANSMITTAL NO. 19-31

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of Japan.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:  
Major Defense Equipment\* \$302 million.  
Other \$15 million.  
Total \$317 million.

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):  
One hundred sixty (160) AIM-120C-7 Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM).

One (1) AIM-120C-7 AMRAAM Guidance Section.

Non-MDE: Also included are containers, weapon support and support equipment, spare and repair parts, U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical and logistical support services, and other related elements of logistical and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Air Force (JA-D-YCM).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: JA-D-YAO, JA-D-YAK, JA-D-YAI, JA-D-YAH.

(vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None.

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: See Attached Annex.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: May 16, 2019.

\*As defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

#### POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Japan—AIM-120C-7 Advanced Medium-Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM)

The Government of Japan has requested to buy one hundred sixty (160) AIM-120C-7 Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM), and one (1) AIM-120C-7 AMRAAM guidance section. Also included are containers, weapon support and support equipment, spare and repair parts, U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical and logistical support services, and other related elements of logistical and program support. The total estimated program cost is \$317 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security of the United States by improving the security of a major ally that is a force for political stability and economic progress in the Asia-Pacific region. It is vital to U.S. national interests to assist Japan in developing and maintaining a strong and effective self-defense capability.

The proposed sale of these missiles will provide Japan a critical air defense capability to assist in defending the Japanese homeland and U.S. personnel stationed there. Japan will have no difficulty absorbing these additional missiles into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support does not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The prime contractor is Raytheon Missile Systems, Tucson, Arizona. There are no known offset arrangements proposed in connection with this potential sale. Any offset agreement will be defined in negotiations between the Purchaser and the prime contractor.

Implementation of this sale will not require the assignment of U.S. Government or contractor representatives in Japan.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

#### TRANSMITTAL NO. 19-31

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act

#### Annex Item No. vii

##### (vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The proposed sale will involve the release of sensitive technology to the Government of Japan related to the AIM-120C-7 Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile (AMRAAM). The AIM-120C-7 AMRAAM is a radar guided missile featuring digital technology and micro-miniature solidstate electronics. AMRAAM capabilities include look-down/shoot-down, multiple launches against multiple targets, resistance to electronic countermeasures, and interception of high flying, low flying, and maneuvering targets. The AMRAAM All Up Round is classified CONFIDENTIAL. The major components and subsystems are classified from UNCLASSIFIED to CONFIDENTIAL, and technology data and other documentation are classified up to SECRET.

2. If a technologically advanced adversary obtained knowledge of the specific hardware or software in the proposed sale, the information could be used to develop countermeasures which might reduce weapons system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

3. The sensitive technology being released under this notification is subject to the security criteria established in National Disclosure Policy (NDP-1) for the Government of Japan. This sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

4. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to Japan.

## ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act requires that Congress receive prior notification of certain proposed arms sales as defined by that statute. Upon such notification, the Congress has 30 calendar days during which the sale may be reviewed. The provision stipulates that, in the Senate, the notification of proposed sales shall be sent to the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

In keeping with the committee's intention to see that relevant information is available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the notifications which have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such annex is available to all Senators in the office of the Foreign Relations Committee, room SD-423.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

DEFENSE SECURITY  
COOPERATION AGENCY,  
Arlington, VA.

Hon. JAMES E. RISCH,  
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,  
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 19-26 concerning the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Republic of Korea for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$313.9 million. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

CHARLES W. HOOPER,  
Lieutenant General, USA, Director.  
Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 19-26

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Republic of Korea.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment\* \$292.4 million.  
Other \$21.5 million.  
Total \$313.9 million.

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Up to ninety-four (94) Rounds of SM-2 Block IIIB Standard Missiles.

Twelve (12) MK 97 MOD 0 Guidance Sections for SM-2 Block IIIB.

Non-MDE: Also included is technical assistance; training and training equipment; publication and technical data; and related logistics support, and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Navy (KS-P-AMO and KS-P-AMR)

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: KS-P-AHU, KS-P-AJA, KS-P-AJX, KS-P-ALM

(vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None.

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: See Annex Attached.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: May 16, 2019.

\*As defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

POLICY JUSTIFICATION  
Korea—SM-2 Block IIIB

The Republic of Korea (ROK) has requested to buy up to ninety-four (94) rounds of SM-2 Block IIIB Standard Missiles and twelve (12) MK 97 MOD 0 Guidance Sections for SM-2 Block IIIB. Also included is technical assistance: training and training equipment; publication and technical data; and related logistics support, and other related elements of logistics and program support. The total estimated program cost is \$313.9 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by meeting the legitimate security and defense needs of one of the closest allies in the INDOPACOM Theater. The Republic of Korea is one of the major political and economic powers in East Asia and the Western Pacific and a key partner of the United States in ensuring peace and stability in that region.

The ROK Navy intends to use the SM-2 Block IIIB to supplement its existing inventory. The proposed sale will provide a defensive capability while enhancing interoperability with U.S. and other allied forces. The Republic of Korea will have no difficulty absorbing these additional missiles into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The prime contractor will be the Raytheon Missile Systems Company, Tucson, Arizona. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale. Any offset agreement will be defined in negotiations between the Purchaser and the prime contractor.

Implementation of the proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to the ROK. However, U.S. Government or contractor personnel in-country visits will be required on a temporary basis in conjunction with program technical oversight and support requirements.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 19-26

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Annex Item No. vii

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The SM-2 Block IIIB Standard Missile consists of a Guidance Unit, Dual Thrust Rocket Motor, Steering Control Unit, and Telemeter with omni-directional antenna. The proposed sale will result in the transfer of sensitive technology and information as well as classified and unclassified defense equipment and technical data. The hardware and installed software is classified SECRET. Training documentation is classified CONFIDENTIAL. Shipboard operational/tactical employment is generally CONFIDENTIAL, but includes some SECRET data. The all-up round Standard Missiles are classified CONFIDENTIAL. Certain operating frequencies and performance characteristics are classified SECRET.

2. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures that might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

3. A determination has been made that the recipient government can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the technology being released as the U.S. Gov-

ernment. This sale supports the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives as outlined in the Policy Justification.

4. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to the Republic of Korea.

## MEMORIAL DAY

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, on this Memorial Day, I join all Americans in recognizing the brave men and women in uniform who have made the ultimate sacrifice while serving our country. Freedom is not free; it costs the blood shed by America's sons and daughters, who unselfishly served their country and laid down their lives for its protection. The impact of their sacrifice is enduring, forever felt by the parents, spouses, children, friends, and loved ones they left behind.

Army CPT Brian Bunting, known by all his friends as Bubba, grew up in Potomac, MD. He was a distinguished athlete and scholar during his 6 years at the Bullis School, and chose to attend the U.S. Military Academy. Shortly after the September 11 terrorist attacks, Brian graduated in 2002 and was commissioned as an Army officer. Brian was known for his infectious laughter and humor and eventually married Nicole Pascal Bunting in 2006; Nikki had known Brian since the sixth grade. Shortly after Nicole gave birth to their infant son, Connor, Brian would answer the call of duty when activated by the Individual Ready Reserve to deploy to Afghanistan with the 27th Infantry Brigade Combat Team. During his deployment, he returned home for leave and was able to spend a short period with his wife and son, Connor. A few days after his return to Afghanistan, Brian was killed by a roadside bomb in Kandahar on February 24, 2009. At the age of 29, not only did Brian leave behind his wife Nikki and infant son Connor, but he also left behind another son, Cooper, who would be born months after Brian's death.

I remember the sacrifice of Baltimore native SGT Damion G. Campbell. The Forest Park High School faculty described Damion as being "very mild-tempered and sophisticated," as someone who served as a leader and role model for younger students. Damion's mother, Donna Robinson, described him as an "outgoing, fun-loving and joyful person" who was passionate about the Army. Sergeant Campbell was a 23-year-old Army medic serving in Afghanistan and was killed in action on August 26, 2005, when a bomb exploded near his vehicle during a patrol in the Khayr Kot district. We remember him today for his ultimate sacrifice and thank him for his service and passion for America.

Like Sergeant Campbell, Army SPL Toccara Green of Rosedale, MD, also excelled at Forest Park High School, where she spent all 4 years in the Junior ROTC program. She graduated from high school in 2000 and attended Norfolk State University in Virginia,

where she studied telecommunications and broadcasting. In 2002, Toccara joined the Army and was assigned to the 10th Mountain Division. While she was deployed to Iraq, part of her job was operating a 50-caliber machine gun on an Army supply truck during convoy operations, a critical role to protect the convoy and thwart enemy attacks. She once told her family “her ideal situation was to go out fighting for our country.” Toccara had an opportunity to return home to Baltimore on leave during her deployment. Less than a week after redeploying to Iraq, Specialist Green was killed at the age of 23 by a roadside bomb and became Maryland’s first woman soldier killed in combat in Iraq.

Across Maryland and across the country, there are countless others like Captain Bunting, Sergeant Campbell, Specialist Green, and their families who have made the ultimate sacrifice throughout the history of this country. Their sense of duty, honor, and country defined their character and were reflective of their actions. They not only represent the best of who we are as a nation, they are examples of who we all should aspire to be.

Freedom isn’t free. The incredible courage and actions of those who have fallen have enabled our freedom and way of life to continue and at such a profound price. This weekend, I will pray for the families in Maryland, and across the United States, who have lost loved ones defending our freedom. I will also pray for the safe return of our brave men and women currently serving abroad. Let us never forget their service, and may we forever honor their sacrifice.

#### ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, each year during the month of May, Asian Pacific American Heritage Month calls us to celebrate and reflect on the rich history of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. These communities draw from an incredibly diverse range of cultures, languages, and religions that all come together to make the United States a more vibrant nation. Whether as natives or as immigrants, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have long played a pivotal role in the history of the United States since even before its founding.

Congress first recognized the contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders with the introduction of a resolution in 1977 by Representatives Frank Horton of New York and Norman Mineta of California and, later, Senators Daniel Inouye and Spark Matsunaga, both of Hawaii. This resolution proclaimed the first 10 days of May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Week. It took Representative Horton’s reintroduction of a modified resolution in 1978 for Congress to pass it and for President Jimmy Carter to sign it. Presidents would then go on to issue

annual proclamations for Asian Pacific American Heritage Week until 1990, when Congress expanded Asian Pacific American Heritage Week to the entire month, and President George H. W. Bush designated May 1990 as the first Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. In 1992, congressional passage of a final resolution permanently designated the month of May as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

Since the beginning, the choice of the first several days and, later, the month of May served to honor the memory of the arrival of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, as well as the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad on May 10, 1869.

The Census Bureau estimates that there are more than 20 million Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders currently residing in the United States, and by many accounts, they represent one of the fastest growing minority groups. Almost 7 percent of Marylanders, more than 400,000 people, identify as Asian American and Pacific Islander. Particularly in the counties surrounding Washington DC, Maryland has increasingly become home to communities of Chinese, Taiwanese, Korean, Filipino, Vietnamese, and Indian Americans. Over the years, they have contributed substantially to making Maryland a thriving State recognized for its leadership in business, education, culture, and many other fields. Asian Pacific Americans have been and always will be an integral part of our community.

Archeological evidence indicates that humans first began to settle in the Pacific Islands, including those of Hawaii, Samoa, and Guam, which would later become part of the United States, thousands of years ago. In what was one of the first crossings of the Pacific Ocean from Asia to the Americas, Filipinos were aboard a Spanish galleon that landed in California in 1587. In the 17th century, the British East India Company brought the first South Asian Indians to the country as indentured servants. In time, the Colonies and, later, the United States would see continued influxes of immigrants from Asia and the Pacific, in addition to the arrival of the first men and women coming from China, Korea, and Japan in the 19th century. Many came as contract labor for plantations, factories, and, famously, the California Gold Rush and the Transcontinental Railroad. In the 20th century, immigration reforms coincided with the Cold War and a new wave of globalization to spur an unprecedented boom in arrivals from these countries and elsewhere in the region. As these populations continue to grow, it is crucial to recognize that Asian Pacific Americans have been in the United States for centuries. Their stories are a testament to how our Nation is one of immigrants that is made stronger, not weaker, through its diversity.

Today, many of the iconic buildings we take for granted originate in the

work of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. Here in Washington DC, many might walk beside the majestic East Building of the National Gallery of Art without recognizing it to be the work of the famous architect, I. M. Pei, who passed away on May 16, 2019, at the venerable age of 102. Beginning with the Mesa Laboratory for the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Colorado, Pei built a distinguished career over several decades as an eager and ground-breaking artist. In addition to these buildings, Pei would also design the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum in Massachusetts, the Dallas City Hall, and countless other projects here and abroad, such as the Louvre Pyramid in Paris, France.

Throughout their history, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have been and continue to be leaders. Indeed, one of the best demonstrations of this is the pivotal role Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders played in the Civil Rights era. Contemporaneous with the movements of the 1950s and 1960s, numerous Asian American and Pacific Islander activists and organizations advocated for the equality of all races and social and economic justice. In 1969, it was Yuji Ichioka who first coined the term “Asian American” and later taught the first course on Asian American Studies at the University of California, Los Angeles, in addition to founding the major advocacy group, the Asian American Political Alliance. Larry Itliong was a major figure in the American labor movement when he helped organize agricultural workers in the western United States to form the Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee, which would later merge with Cesar Chavez’s organization to create the United Farm Workers.

Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have committed themselves to serving their communities and the United States. For centuries, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have participated in almost every war the United States has fought. Although often serving in segregated units, these men and women enthusiastically fought for what had long been their country, serving as early as the War of 1812. In recent years, Asian American and Pacific Islander soldiers and support personnel have proved essential in the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. Their sacrifices have been great; we should never forget them. For that reason, the President of the United States has awarded the Medal of Honor to numerous brave Asian American and Pacific Islander warriors.

Many also have gone on to serve as dedicated public servants. Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have held elected offices at the local, State, and national levels for over a century. Leaders such as Senator Hiram Fong and Senator Daniel Akaka made history when they became the first Asian American and Native Hawaiian, respectively, to serve in the U.S. Senate. I was honored to serve alongside Senator



Daniel Inouye, who became the highest ranking Asian-American politician in our Nation's history when he became the President pro tempore of the Senate. Beyond elected office, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders constitute an indispensable portion of the civil service at all levels of government. There, too, they have clearly demonstrated the commitment they have to their community.

In addition to the many contributions made by individuals, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have also imprinted onto our society the marks of distinctive cultures. Though perhaps taken for granted today, many ubiquitous aspects of American life and identity ultimately derive from the men and women who brought pieces of their home countries with them when they came to the United States. From philosophy to religion and entertainment to cuisine, Asian and Pacific Islander cultures have helped influence and form the American way of life as we know it today.

As minorities, many Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have endured persistent forms of systemic racism that still have yet to be eradicated. Historically, countless individuals were denied the same rights as other Americans and were even excluded from citizenship. Laws barred many from working in certain fields and codified school segregation and prohibitions on property and business ownership. Immigration itself became a target of exclusionary policies that prohibited immigrants of certain ethnicities from coming to the United States. Widespread xenophobia, captured best by the "Yellow Peril," dehumanized entire communities and instilled prejudice in the hearts of many Americans. This discrimination reached a peak when President Roosevelt ordered the incarceration of over 100,000 Japanese Americans in internment camps as war began with the Empire of Japan in World War II.

Although we have made much progress in recent decades, we still face persistent issues of xenophobia, underrepresentation, and discrimination. Opportunities such as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month allow us to educate all Americans and spread the stories and perspectives unique to this community. We must do all that we can to bridge the divide by supporting policies and ideas of acceptance and equality. There is still much work to be done, but with the effort of all of our community acting together, I believe we can reach our goal.

Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders represent more than just a demographic category. They are our neighbors and coworkers, our friends and family. They are small business owners and entrepreneurs who have helped transform our economy for the better. They are prize-winning scientists and researchers who have made countless discoveries that have advanced our knowledge. They are creative artists

and performers who have captured our emotions and introduced us to innovative concepts. In short, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders represent an essential pillar of the United States. Their story in this country reaches back to its very founding, and it will only continue to shine on for the entire world to see, for they are, above all, Americans.

#### TRIBUTE TO THOMAS O'LOUGHLIN

Mrs. HYDE-SMITH. Mr. President, each Memorial Day we, as Americans, take time to honor the heroes who gave their lives in service to our country, from those who died in the creation of this great Nation to those who today risk their lives in the most dangerous corners of the world.

As we approach this Memorial Day, I want to take a moment to honor the heroes still among us who served in the Second World War. There are fewer than half a million of these veterans still living, and we lose more than 300 every day.

These men and women of the World War II era are truly heroes here among us. In the great battle between good and evil, these heroes advanced over rough terrain against bombs and bullets and tanks.

Today, their battle is against the unrelenting march of time and the incapable effects of aging. For these veterans, whose valor many of us only know from history books or movies, we still have the opportunity and sacred duty to express our gratitude, so we honor them as we aspire to be greater than we are. If we desire to serve more than ourselves, we must honor them.

On this Memorial Day, I take time to draw special attention to one of these heroes, who is now hospitalized in Mississippi.

Ninety-four years ago, Thomas O'Loughlin was born in an Irish-Catholic community in New Jersey. When his country called him to war, Tom responded and made his first trip to Mississippi, courtesy of the U.S. Army, for training at Camp Shelby. He deployed to the European Theater where, in January 1944, he was captured by the Axis forces and held as prisoner of war for more than a year before liberation. Following the war, Tom served as a guard during the Nuremberg Trials of Nazi war criminals. One of the prisoners in his charge was Deputy Fuhrer Rudolf Hess.

Following the Nuremberg Trials, Tom continued serving his country in the Armed Forces, once again serving in combat with the 811th Engineer Aviation Battalion assigned to the Fifth Air Force in Korea. He returned to civilian life in 1952, eventually making his way back to Mississippi. Keeping his Jersey accent and Irish sparkle, Tom made Mississippi his home and married Rachel Pitts, a Southern belle. They settled down in Laurel, MS, and like many members of the Greatest Generation, Tom dedicated himself to

serving his community as a sponsor for those facing addiction. Even now, he calls from his hospital bed to encourage sobriety and offer support to those who still turn to him for help.

To honor Tom O'Loughlin, I had a U.S. flag flown over the U.S. Capitol. I pray his health returns, and I ask we all offer prayers of gratitude for Tom and the other World War II veterans across our country, for they truly are heroes here among us.

#### TRIBUTE TO SHIRLEY ABRAHAMSON

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the remarkable career and legacy of Justice Shirley Abrahamson as she retires from the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Justice Abrahamson has a long and distinguished career upholding the law on Wisconsin's highest court. Her unparalleled commitment to justice has promoted a fair and impartial judicial system while greatly contributing to the promotion of equal rights in Wisconsin.

Justice Abrahamson's exceptional career had modest beginnings in New York City. Her parents were Polish immigrants who started a grocery store in Manhattan. Her passion for the law started at the tender age of 6, when she decided she wanted to become a lawyer. She was a dedicated student, earning honors in high school and college.

Justice Abrahamson graduated magna cum laude with bachelor's degree from New York University in 1953. She earned a law degree with high distinction from Indiana University in 1956 and a doctor of law in American legal history from the University of Wisconsin Law School in 1962. Before her appointment to the Wisconsin Supreme Court, Justice Abrahamson practiced law in the private sector for 14 years and was a distinguished professor at the University of Wisconsin Law School.

In 1976, Shirley Abrahamson broke the glass ceiling in Wisconsin's judicial system by becoming the first female justice on the Wisconsin Supreme Court. She again made history in 1996 when she became the first woman to serve as chief justice. After winning four elections and serving a total of 42 years, Justice Abrahamson is now the longest serving supreme court justice in State history.

Though her career is punctuated by countless achievements and distinctions, Justice Abrahamson's path to success was anything but easy. Despite a multitude of academic distinctions and an unprecedented affinity for the law, Justice Abrahamson was met with a demoralizing wave of sexism when she entered the legal profession in the 1950s. The dean of the Indiana University Law School traditionally placed the top student from each graduating class at the largest law firm in Indianapolis; yet after graduating first in her class from the university in 1956, the dean told Justice Abrahamson he could

not place her at the firm because they just were not going to hire a woman. Rather than feeling disheartened, Justice Abrahamson informed the dean that she didn't want to go to Indianapolis, so the slight was fine with her.

This type of discrimination was not an anomaly. Justice Abrahamson was denied jobs, clients, and even social club memberships on the basis of her gender. Undaunted by this prejudice, Justice Abrahamson took a stand against gender inequality and refused to back down from those who stood in the way of a woman's path to success in the legal field. Her greatest legacy is the trail she blazed for countless young women, who can see themselves in a courtroom or on a judicial bench because of the barriers she fearlessly broke through. She will go down in history as one of Wisconsin's most influential and powerful women, and she used every bit of that influence and power in the pursuit of justice for all Wisconsinites.

Justice Abrahamson is a true American hero. From her incomparable tenure on the Wisconsin Supreme Court to her efforts as a pioneer for gender equality, Justice Abrahamson has lived a life devoted to service and justice for all.

#### TRIBUTE TO PAUL SOGLIN

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the exceptional career and legacy of Madison, WI's longest serving Mayor, Paul Soglin. Mayor Soglin spent his many years in office as driving force behind Madison's extraordinary economic success and high quality of life.

Paul Soglin was raised in the Hyde Park neighborhood of Chicago, where he excelled academically at Highland Park High School. He graduated with honors from University of Wisconsin—Madison in 1966 and from the UW-Madison Law School in 1972.

Soglin gained national notoriety on campus as an activist for social and political change. He frequently protested American military involvement in the Vietnam war and demonstrated against Dow Chemical Company for its role in manufacturing napalm and Agent Orange for use in Vietnam. Beaten by police during the protests, Soglin became a respected voice on campus. During this trying time in our Nation's past, Soglin demonstrated his enduring commitment to peace and civil rights.

Soglin won election to the Madison City Council in 1968, representing the city's student wards. Four years later, he accomplished one of the biggest upsets in Madison history by defeating two-term incumbent William Dyke, becoming the youngest mayor in the city's history. During his first term as mayor, he established Madison's Civic Center to showcase the city's growing arts scene. He made tremendous improvements to the city's public transit system and transformed State Street into an iconic pedestrian mall, one of Madison's defining landmarks.

After leaving public office to teach at Harvard in 1979, Soglin returned to Madison to practice law and was twice reelected to lead Wisconsin's capital city. In all, he served as Madison's 51st, 54th, and 57th mayor. During his second stint as mayor, Soglin accomplished one of his crowning achievements, breaking through a 70-year debate to build the Monona Terrace Convention Center that Frank Lloyd Wright designed for Madison's Lake Monona's shoreline. He is also credited with invigorating Madison's economy and rebuilding its declining downtown.

Through his more than two decades of investment in infrastructure, the arts, and recreation, Paul Soglin has helped build a welcoming and flourishing city that appears often on lists of the Nation's most livable cities. Throughout this growth, he has also fought to ensure that Madison's resources and assets are available to all city residents, regardless of their economic standing.

In addition to Paul Soglin's remarkable public service, I feel fortunate to know him as a lifelong family friend. From my earliest memories of Paul teaching me how to throw a Frisbee to his generous moving reflections at my mother's memorial service, Paul Soglin has provided me with encouragement and inspiration.

As he begins his next chapter after 22 years of service, he leaves with the knowledge that he has left an indelible mark on the city he loves and that his legacy will endure.

#### 102ND ANNIVERSARY OF EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the 102nd anniversary of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Beloit, WI. Emmanuel Baptist Church was established on April 15, 1917, and has been a pillar of the community for the last 102 years.

The church was founded during the peak of the Great Northward Migration, when more than 6 million African Americans migrated from the rural South to the industrial cities of the North and Midwest. Many northern manufacturing plants sought African-American migrants from the South to help replace white workers fighting in World War I. Beloit became a favored destination for many migrants thanks in part to a young African-American named John McCord from Pontotoc, MS, who helped the Fairbanks Morse manufacturing company in Beloit recruit Black labor from the southern town.

African Americans were eager to escape the Jim Crow laws of the South and seek an improved quality of life for their families. As they settled in an unfamiliar part of the country, they sought solace in their faith and established the Second Emmanuel Baptist Church, now Emmanuel Baptist Church. The church held its first service at Kent Hall on State Street on

April 15, 1917, for a small group of African Americans, all of whom worked at Fairbanks Morse. As their families grew and the Great Migration continued, the once small church quickly grew to a congregation of 100 by 1920. On June 3, 1927, formal incorporation papers were filed with the Rock County Registrar.

The first church at the current location was built in 1924 for \$5,500. The edifice of the present church was built in 1960 after the first building was destroyed by fire in 1958. Today, Emmanuel Baptist church proudly offers worship and educational programs for its members and provides community outreach programs through its Family Life Center. Two of its most successful endeavors, a food pantry and a free hot lunch program, began under the leadership of the late Rev. Dr. Floyd Prude, Jr., who served as senior pastor for 36 years, the longest in the church's history.

Now, 102 years after its founding, Emmanuel Baptist Church provides a spiritual refuge for its 350 members under the steady hand of Minister Rodney Hayes. It stands as a beacon of hope that has withstood the devastating impacts of racism and persecution. Under the devoted guidance of its spiritual leaders, may it continue to be a shining asset to the community for the next 102 years.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE ALEXANDER FAMILY

Mr. ROMNEY. Mr. President, it is my honor today to pay tribute to five native Utahns who are brothers and veterans of World War II and Korea: William, Gail, George, Jack, and Bert Alexander.

These five brothers answered the call to defend our freedom and the freedoms of others from foreign invaders. Nazi Germany, Imperial Japan, and the North Koreans believed it their right to attack and forcefully restrict the freedoms of their neighbors, but these brothers recognized that our freedom as American citizens is inextricably linked to the freedom of our friends and allies. Remaining safely protected in Northern Utah was not an option for the Alexander brothers; they answered the call to take up arms and defend freedom's cause.

One brother, SGT Gail Alexander, was killed in action exactly 75 years ago tomorrow, May 24, 1944, during the Anzio campaign to retake Rome, Italy. The Anzio campaign and then Operation Neptune—or D-day, as it came to be known—marked an important turning point in World War II, with the Allies beginning to liberate and retake German-occupied Europe, restoring freedom to the French and Italians and subsequently to the rest of Europe.

Prior to his death, Gail received a Purple Heart and Silver Star citation for Gallantry when on February 4, 1944, after sustaining a gunshot injury to his hand, he singlehandedly took out a

German machine gun position that had held up his entire company. Alone and the his company under fire, Gail gradually ran 130 yards across the battlefield, machine guns kicking up dirt on both sides of him and artillery shells falling all around. He made it to the machine gun position, knocking it out with grenades, allowing his company to come out from under cover.

In the official military report of the incident, Gail's commanding officer said, "Sergeant Alexander's fearless action under direct machine gun fire for twenty minutes, enabled our company to obtain the objective . . . and prevented any further casualties to our own men."

Gail's brothers William, George, and Jack all returned home after serving in various capacities more than 2 years each all throughout the European theater. The youngest brother, Bert Alexander, who just passed away on April 2 of this year at the age of 87, was too young to serve in World War II but still answered the call to defend liberty when he embarked for service in Korea.

So today I, along with the entire U.S. Senate, honor these five brothers, their Gold Star mother, and their families, both living and deceased. We remember their tremendous service and sacrifice, and we express our profound gratitude for their sacrifice in defending freedom for us and for America's allies.

#### AVIATION MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN DAY

Ms. DUCKWORTH. Mr. President, in 1902, a little known machinist by the name of Charles Edward Taylor began working for Orville and Wilbur Wright at the Wright Cycle Company in Dayton, OH. Over the course of 6 weeks, using only a metal lathe, drill press, and hand tools, Mr. Taylor built a 12-horsepower engine that was used to power the Wright brothers' first successful aircraft in 1903.

Today, Charles Taylor's May 24th birthday is observed as Aviation Maintenance Technician Day to recognize the thousands of men and women who follow in Mr. Taylor's footsteps and fulfill a critical safety role in the U.S. aviation industry. Whether maintaining military, commercial, general aviation, private, space, or experimental aircraft, aviation maintenance technicians use their specialized knowledge and skillset to ensure that all aircraft are safe and reliable.

I want to thank aviation maintenance technicians across Illinois and throughout the Nation for their hard work and dedication. Their expertise and integrity ensures the U.S. aviation system will remain the safest and most reliable in the world.

#### TRIBUTE TO DR. WILLIAM MEDD

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, access to quality healthcare is the foundation of any community. Throughout his long and distinguished career at Ste-

phens Memorial Hospital in Norway, ME, Dr. William Medd has helped to build that foundation in Oxford County. It is a pleasure to join his friends and neighbors in thanking him for 45 years of expert, dedicated, and compassionate service.

Healthcare is essential to the vitality, even the survival, of rural communities. In a recent interview, Dr. Medd said that, after he graduated from the University of Rochester Medical School, he had a wide choice of places to practice. He decided to practice in a place where he could make a real difference, and he certainly has. His role in starting the Maine Track program through Maine Medical Center and the Tufts University School of Medicine to recruit young physicians to rural practice will make a difference for generations to come.

When a new medical center opened in Norway 3 years ago, it was named in Dr. Medd's honor as a tribute to his many contributions to his community. Just as important is the gratitude the people throughout the Oxford Hills region have for his outstanding attentiveness to their health and well-being. I offer Dr. William Medd my congratulations upon his retirement and best wishes for the years to come.

#### 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CODY STAMPEDE RODEO

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, this year, the Cody Stampede Rodeo is celebrating its 100th anniversary. This is a milestone for the Stampede, for Cody, and for Wyoming. One hundred years of the Cody Stampede Rodeo represents 100 years of us living life the cowboy way. The cowboy and the rodeo is an integral part of our culture, and this 100th anniversary is a chance to celebrate this long standing history.

The rodeo has long been a part of Wyoming history. Wyoming is often referred to as the Cowboy State as a reference to its cowboy culture. At the heart of cowboy culture lies the rodeo. We hold rodeos all over the State in almost every single town.

Rodeo is in some ways the West's ambassador to the world. With our bucking horse license plate and visitors' conceptions of the Wild West, cowboys and rodeo are what they see and expect to see first. Through the efforts of all who participate, the sport of rodeo continues to grow. It is a part of western tradition that can be shared and enjoyed by visitors and residents alike.

The rodeo is a part of our livelihood that is unique to the Cowboy State and the West. The relationship between the rodeo and the West is much like the relationship between a cowboy and his horse. Few pairings have produced a more perfect partnership and the image of a cowboy and his horse remains an American icon. When one imagines a cowboy, he is rarely without his horse companion.

The American cowboy represents the greatest parts of the American West:

our courage, honor, and hard work ethic. The cowboy way provides an ethical code for cowboys to live by. All rodeo participants embody this cowboy way when competing in the arena, providing the world with a prime example of the code all Wyomingites live by.

Cody is nicknamed the Rodeo Capitol of the World. Rodeo in Cody began over 100 years ago with William Frederick "Buffalo Bill" Cody and his Wild West Show. The Wild West Show was never formally held in Cody but the tryouts for the show were held right behind the Irma Hotel. In 1913, Buffalo Bill closed his Wild West Show. He hosted one last parade and rodeo in Cody for the prince of Monaco.

In 1917, Buffalo Bill passed away and with that ended a fascinating chapter in the story of the American Wild West. In 1919, Clarence Williams led the effort to establish a rodeo celebration in Cody to commemorate Buffalo Bill and the Old West he personified. Every summer since 1919, people from all over come to watch cowboys compete in the Cody Stampede Rodeo, as well as the rodeos held every night from June to Labor Day.

For its centennial year, the Cody Stampede Board is being inducted into the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame. This is a great accomplishment for the town and the Stampede.

Caroline Lockhart was the founder and first president of the Cody Stampede Board. Caroline was considered a liberated, independent woman ahead of her time. She was described as someone "with a spirit as wild as the West." Last November, she was inducted into the Cowgirl Hall of Fame. As we approach the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, which granted women the right to vote across the country, it is important to recognize Wyoming's history of women leaders, like Caroline. Caroline Lockhart is a great example of the trailblazer nature of our great State.

As a trailblazer State, women in Wyoming were voting long before the 19th Amendment was passed. Wyoming is coming up on the 150th anniversary of women's suffrage. In December 1869, Wyoming's territorial legislature became the first government in the world to grant women the right to vote. Called the Equality State, we have the distinction of having the first woman to serve as Governor and the first woman to vote in the world. Rodeo exemplifies the nature of the Equality State through its history of inclusion and acceptance.

There are many great sports, but there are probably none as demanding or difficult as Rodeo. That is why it continues to grow in popularity and participation. It requires a tremendous combination of athletic ability, concentration, and dedication from its participants. It takes a lot of courage to face the challenges of the sport and give it your very best.

Rodeo also does a lot to build character and increase the self-confidence

of those who participate in the sport. Best of all, it is something the whole family can take part in, either in the arena or in the stands, cheering family and friends on to victory.

The hard work of those who compete in rodeos represents the “can do” spirit of the West. It is great to see the entire community come together year after year as volunteers, participants, and fans for the Cody Stampede Rodeo. Again, I congratulate Cody on their 100th anniversary of the Cody Stampede Rodeo and wish the best for another 100 years of doing things the Cowboy way.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO WOODS EASTLAND

• Mrs. HYDE-SMITH. Mr. President, I am pleased to commend Woods Eastland of Indianola, MS, for his service and contributions while serving as the 83rd president of Delta Council.

Founded in 1935, Delta Council is a widely respected economic development organization representing business, professional, and agricultural leaders in the Delta region of Mississippi. I commend the Delta Council for its continuing role in improving the quality of life in this unique part of our Country.

Woods Eastland's tenure as Delta Council president began in June 2018. Under Mr. Eastland's leadership, the Delta region has benefitted from his extensive experience in farm policy, water resource issues, and economic and community development, among other major issues that Delta Council addresses.

Mr. Eastland graduated from Vanderbilt University and earned a juris doctorate from the University of Mississippi. A Navy veteran, Eastland began farming following his military service. He was also CEO of StaplCotn for over 24 years, where he led the largest cotton marketing firm in the United States, headquartered in Greenwood, MS. Upon his retirement, he became Chairman of the Board for another 8 years. In addition to Delta Council, Eastland serves his church, community, and Delta region through numerous leadership roles.

I am pleased to offer congratulations to Woods Eastland and to share this appreciation with his wife Lynn, their two children, and grandchildren, at the time of the 84th annual meeting of the membership of Delta Council in June. •

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Ridgway, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages

from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:18 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1500. An act to require the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to meet its statutory purpose, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 6. Concurrent resolution authorizing the printing of a commemorative document in memory of the late President of the United States, George Herbert Walker Bush.

S. Con. Res. 14. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha I.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1500. An act to require the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to meet its statutory purpose, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

#### MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following bill was discharged from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs:

S. 886. A bill to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to make the Reclamation Water Settlements Fund permanent.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1361. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, four (4) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of Defense, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2019; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1362. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Addition of Certain Entities to the Entity List, Revision of an Entry on the Entity List, and Removal of an Entity from the Entity List” (RIN0694-AH72) received in the Office of the

President of the Senate on May 22, 2019; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1363. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Chief Financial Officer, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Revision of Fee Schedules, Fee Recovery for Fiscal Year 2019” (RIN3150-AJ99) (NRC-2017-0032) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1364. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Modernizing Part D and Medicare Advantage to Lower Drug Prices and Reduce Out of Pocket Expenses” (RIN0938-AT92) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1365. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Report to Congress on Public Law 108-235: United States Support for Taiwan's Participation as an Observer at the 72nd World Health Assembly and in the Work of the World Health Organization”; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1366. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Data Mining Activity in the Department of State for calendar year 2018; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1367. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the status of the Government of Cuba's compliance with the United States-Cuba September 1994 “Joint Communiqué,” and on the treatment of persons returned to Cuba in accordance with the United States-Cuba May 1995 “Joint Statement,” and the United States-Cuba January 2017 “Joint Statement”; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1368. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, a report relative to the views of the Department on H.R. 9, the “Climate Action Now Act”; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1369. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a fiscal year 2020 estimate for the Volunteers at Federally Supported Health Centers Assistant Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1370. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a fiscal year 2020 estimate for the Free Clinic Program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1371. A communication from the Deputy Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Paying Benefits” (29 CFR Part 4022) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2019; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1372. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, “Certification of Fiscal Year 2019 Total Local Source

General Fund Revenue Estimate (Net of Dedicated Taxes) in Support of the District's Issuance of Income Tax Secured Revenue Bond Anticipation Notes, (Series 2019A)"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1373. A communication from the Federal Co-Chair, Appalachian Regional Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1374. A communication from the Deputy Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Electronic Records Management" ((RIN3095-AB98) (36 CFR 1236)) received in the Office of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1375. A communication from the Solicitor General, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the decision not to appeal the orders of the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington holding that a Department of Defense (DoD) policy affecting military service by certain former aliens is unconstitutional; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1376. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's activities under the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act during fiscal year 2018; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1377. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act: Report to Congress"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1378. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Programs: Eleven Case Studies"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1379. A communication from the Chairman of the Office of Proceedings, Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Water Carrier Tariff Filing Procedures" ((RIN2140-AB43) (Docket No. EP 743)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1380. A communication from the Attorney Adviser, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Moving the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Civil Penalties Schedules and Guidelines from the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) to the FRA Website" (RIN2130-AC63) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1381. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology" (RIN0648-BF51) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1382. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory

Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Rule To Establish Management Measures for the Limited Harvest and Possession of South Atlantic Red Snapper in 2017" (RIN0648-BH10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1383. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Individual Bluefin Quota Program; Inseason Transfers; Correction" (RIN0648-BG09) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1384. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Adjustments to the 2017 Northern Albacore Tuna Quota, 2017 North and South Atlantic Swordfish Quotas, and 2017 Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Reserve Category Quota" (RIN0648-XF480) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1385. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pacific Island Fisheries; 2016 Annual Catch Limits and Accountability Measures" (RIN0648-XE587) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1386. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pacific Island Fisheries; 2017 Annual Catch Limits and Accountability Measures" (RIN0648-XF186) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1387. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pacific Island Fisheries; 2016-17 Annual Catch Limit and Accountability Measures; Main Hawaiian Islands Deep 7 Bottomfish" (RIN0648-XE809) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1388. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pacific Island Fisheries; 2017-18 Annual Catch Limit and Accountability Measures; Main Hawaiian Islands Deep 7 Bottomfish" (RIN0648-XF335) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1389. A communication from the Acting Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pacific Island Pelagic Fisheries; 2017 U.S. Territorial Longline Bigeye Tuna Catch Limits for the Territory of American Samoa" (RIN0648-XF156) received in the Of-

fice of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1390. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Gulf of Alaska; Final 2017 and 2018 Harvest Specifications for Groundfish" (RIN0648-XE904) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1391. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands; 2017 and 2018 Harvest Specifications for Groundfish" (RIN0648-XE989) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1392. A communication from the Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Widow Rockfish Reallocation in the Individual Fishing Quota Fishery" (RIN0648-BF12) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1393. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Pacific Whiting; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan; Amendment 21-3; Trawl Rationalization Program" (RIN0648-BG98) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1394. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States; Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries; Amendment to Regulations Implementing the Coastal Pelagic Species Fishery Management Plan; Change to Pacific Mackerel Management Cycle From Annual to Biennial" (RIN0648-BF96) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1395. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Shrimp Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Amendment 17B" (RIN0648-BG82) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1396. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico,

and South Atlantic; Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic Region; Amendment 36" (RIN0648-BG38) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1397. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources in the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Region; Framework Amendment 4" (RIN0648-BG43) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1398. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Mid-Atlantic Unmanaged Forage Omnibus Amendment" (RIN0648-BG42) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1399. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Golden Tilefish Fishery; 2018 and Projected 2019-2020 Specifications" (RIN0648-XF571) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1400. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Framework Adjustment 56 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan" (RIN0648-XF710) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1401. A communication from the Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Black Sea Bass Fishery; Revised 2017 and Projected 2018 Specifications" (RIN0648-XF300) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1402. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Monkfish; Framework Adjustment 10" (RIN0648-BG48) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1403. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder, Scup, Black Sea Bass Fisheries; 2018 and Projected 2019 Scup Specifications and Announcement of Final 2018 Summer Flounder and Black Sea Bass Specifications" (RIN0648-XF669) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on

May 22, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1404. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Disapproval of Northeast Fishery Sector IX Operational Plan" (RIN0648-XF138) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1405. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Groundfish Fishery; Fishing Year 2017; Emergency Removal of Southern Windowpane Accountability Measures" (RIN0648-BH11) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. SHELBY, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2019" (Rept. No. 116-42).

By Mr. RISCH, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with an amended preamble:

S. Res. 135. A resolution expressing the gratitude and appreciation of the Senate for the acts of heroism and valor by the members of the United States Armed Forces who participated in the June 6, 1944, amphibious landing at Normandy, France, and commending those individuals for leadership and bravery in an operation that helped bring an end to World War II.

## EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. GRASSLEY for the Committee on Finance.

\*David Fabian Black, of North Dakota, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security for a term expiring January 19, 2025.

\*Emin Toro, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

\*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mrs. CAPITO (for herself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 1627. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the section 45 credit for refined coal from steel industry fuel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself, Mr. KING, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1628. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the employer credit for paid family and medical leave, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HAWLEY (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 1629. A bill to regulate certain pay-to-win microtransactions and sales of loot boxes in interactive digital entertainment products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 1630. A bill to amend the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 to require shareholder authorization before a public company may make certain political expenditures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 1631. A bill to establish criminal penalties for aliens who fail to depart before the expiration of their visas; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 1632. A bill to terminate the Diversity Immigrant Visa Program; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. 1633. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. HAWLEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. MANCHIN, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. JONES, and Mr. ROMNEY):

S. 1634. A bill to impose sanctions with respect to the People's Republic of China in relation to activities in the South China Sea and the East China Sea, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 1635. A bill to designate the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Odessa, Texas, as the "Wilson and Young Medal of Honor VA Clinic"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. CASSIDY):

S. 1636. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the scope of new chemical exclusivity; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 1637. A bill to amend the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 to reaffirm the authority of the Under Secretary of Agriculture for Research, Education, and Economics, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 1638. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the maximum limit on the number of special masters allowed in the United States Court of Federal Claims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.



By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 1639. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to revise the treatment of partnership interests received in connection with the performance of services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. MORAN):

S. 1640. A bill to require compliant flame mitigation devices to be used on portable fuel containers for flammable liquid fuels, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. MORAN, Mr. HOEVEN, and Mr. CRAMER):

S. 1641. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income interest received on certain loans secured by agricultural real property; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 1642. A bill to increase the recruitment and retention of school-based mental health services providers by low-income local educational agencies; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 1643. A bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to grant a Federal charter to the Forest and Refuge County Foundation, to provide for the establishment of the Natural Resources Permanent Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. COTTON, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BLUNT, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HOEVEN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. RISCH, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 1644. A bill to ensure that State and local law enforcement may cooperate with Federal officials to protect our communities from violent criminals and suspected terrorists who are illegally present in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BROWN, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BENNET, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. WARREN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. TESTER, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. COONS, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. KING, Ms. SMITH, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. PETERS, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. CARPER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. WARNER, Mr. UDALL, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. KAINE, Mr. DURBIN, and Ms. SINEMA):

S. 1645. A bill to protect a woman's ability to determine whether and when to bear a child or end a pregnancy, and to protect a health care provider's ability to provide reproductive health care services, including abortion services; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. RUBIO:

S. 1646. A bill to designate the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in St. Augustine, Florida, as the "Leo C. Chase Jr. Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 1647. A bill to amend title V of the Social Security Act to extend funding for fam-

ily-to-family health information centers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. TESTER, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 1648. A bill to reinstate and compensate family caregivers who were improperly removed from the family caregiver program of the Department of Veterans Affairs or whose benefits were reduced and to ensure all veteran caregivers receive the support and assistance to which they are eligible in a fair and consistent manner, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. WARREN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 1649. A bill to restore protections for Social Security, Railroad retirement, and Black Lung benefits from administrative offset; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. JONES, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 1650. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide formula grants to States to improve higher education opportunities for foster youth and homeless youth, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 1651. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include foster care transition youth as members of targeted groups for purposes of the work opportunity credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. BLUNT, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. SASSE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. RISCH, Ms. WARREN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. ROUNDS, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 1652. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a refundable adoption tax credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SULLIVAN:

S. 1653. A bill to amend section 3063 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. CASSIDY):

S. 1654. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide authority to add additional vaccines to the list of taxable vaccines; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Ms. WARREN):

S. 1655. A bill to provide for the carriage of certain television broadcast stations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MANCHIN:

S. 1656. A bill to modify the transition period between care and services provided under the Veterans Choice Program and care and services provided under the Veterans Community Care Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Ms. SMITH, and Mr. KING):

S. 1657. A bill to provide assistance to combat the escalating burden of Lyme disease and other tick and vector-borne diseases and disorders; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. GARDNER, and Mr. COONS):

S. 1658. A bill to provide for oversight of North Korea policy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mr. REED):

S. 1659. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of pediatric subspecialists in the National Health Service Corps program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. HASSAN, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 1660. A bill to provide greater support for grandfamilies and older caretaker relatives; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. HASSAN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 1661. A bill to provide for the establishment of the United States Employee Ownership Bank, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MERKLEY:

S. 1662. A bill to establish an annual fee applicable to opioid manufacturers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. KAINE, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. 1663. A bill to reauthorize funding to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority contingent on improvements to the governance and operations of the Transit Authority; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. GARDNER):

S. 1664. A bill to require reporting on prescription drug expenditures under group health plans and on prescription drug price changes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. KING, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. BENNET, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. MCSALLY, Mr. TESTER, Mr. RISCH, Ms. SINEMA, and Mr. DAINES):

S. 1665. A bill to modify the procedures for issuing special recreation permits for certain public land units, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. HASSAN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 1666. A bill to establish an Employee Ownership and Participation Initiative, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina (for himself, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. DAINES, Ms. ERNST, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KING, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. JONES, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 1667. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat certain scholarships as earned income for purposes of the kiddie tax; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TESTER:

S. 1668. A bill to clarify that participants in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program may be assigned to serve in pediatric inpatient mental health facilities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. RISCH, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BRAUN, and Ms. SINEMA):

S. 1669. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to define the term natural cheese; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. JONES (for himself and Ms. MCSALLY):

S. 1670. A bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to establish a grant program for multigenerational activities for long-term care facilities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. JONES (for himself and Mr. CASEY):

S. 1671. A bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to direct resources that promote multigenerational collaboration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. JONES (for himself and Ms. MCSALLY):

S. 1672. A bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to authorize the National Resource Center on Women and Retirement Planning, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 1673. A bill to extend the authority for the establishment of a commemorative work in honor of Gold Star Families, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MANCHIN:

S. 1674. A bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to establish a competitive grant program to enable States to purchase, customize, or repair vehicles with hot and cold food storage for delivering meals to older individuals through the Congregate Nutrition Program or the Home-Delivered Nutrition Program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 1675. A bill to impose requirements on the payment of compensation to professional persons employed in voluntary cases commenced under title III of PROMESA; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 1676. A bill to improve the understanding of, and promote access to treatment for, chronic kidney disease, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PERDUE (for himself and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO):

S. 1677. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide authority to postpone certain deadlines by reason of State declared disasters or emergencies; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GARDNER (for himself, Mr. COONS, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 1678. A bill to express United States support for Taiwan's diplomatic alliances around the world; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. REED, and Mr. SULLIVAN):

S. 1679. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to carry out the Direct Air Capture and Blue Carbon Removal Technology Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 1680. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance recordkeeping with respect to exposure by members of the Armed Forces to certain occupational and environmental hazards while deployed overseas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself and Ms. HASSAN):

S. 1681. A bill to educate health care providers and the public on biosimilar biological

products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DAINES:

S. 1682. A bill to require the Director of the Office of Personnel Management to create a classification that more accurately reflects the vital role of wildland firefighters; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. DAINES:

S. 1683. A bill to correct problems pertaining to human resources for career and volunteer personnel engaged in wildland fire and structure fire; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. COTTON (for himself and Mr. SHELBY):

S. 1684. A bill to prevent prisoners who have been convicted of terrorism related offenses from being eligible for early release, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. COONS, and Ms. SINEMA):

S. 1685. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a program for the research, development, and demonstration of commercially viable technologies for the capture of carbon dioxide produced during the generation of natural gas-generated power; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 1686. A bill to amend the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 to require full disclosure for entities receiving Federal funding; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. HYDE-SMITH (for herself, Mr. WICKER, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. COTTON):

S. 1687. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a special rule for certain casualty losses of uncut timber; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. CASEY):

S. 1688. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the full disclosure of billing and service information to patients; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BOOKER:

S. 1689. A bill to permit States to transfer certain funds from the clean water revolving fund of a State to the drinking water revolving fund of the State in certain circumstances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 1690. A bill to improve United States missile defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 1691. A bill to provide mandatory funding to the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out hazardous fuels reduction projects on National Forest System land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1692. A bill to provide grants to support continuing education in election administration or cybersecurity for election officials and employees; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 1693. A bill to reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program; considered and passed.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. CRUZ):

S. 1694. A bill to require any Federal agency that issues licenses to conduct activities in outer space to include in the requirements for such licenses an agreement relating to the preservation and protection of the Apollo 11 landing site, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LEE:

S. 1695. A bill to amend the Wilderness Act to allow local Federal officials to determine the manner in which nonmotorized uses may be permitted in wilderness areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. HARRIS, Ms. HASSAN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. ROSEN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. SMITH, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. WARREN, Ms. SINEMA, and Mr. KAINE):

S. Res. 219. A resolution honoring the life and legacy of Patsy Takemoto Mink, the first woman of color to serve in Congress; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. TILLIS, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MORAN, Mr. COONS, Mr. DAINES, Mr. BENNET, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. TESTER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CASEY, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. HOEVEN, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. YOUNG, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. CAPITO, Ms. SMITH, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. REED, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. Res. 220. A resolution designating the month of June 2019 as "National Post-Traumatic Stress Awareness Month" and June 27, 2019, as "National Post-Traumatic Stress Awareness Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GARDNER (for himself, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. RISCH, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. TOOMEY, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. Res. 221. A resolution recognizing the 30th anniversary of the Tiananmen Square massacre and condemning the intensifying repression and human rights violations by the Chinese Communist Party and the use of surveillance by Chinese authorities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Ms. ERNST, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. WICKER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. CARPER, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. ROMNEY, Mr. BURR, Mr. JONES, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. MORAN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAINES, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. THUNE, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LANKFORD, and Mr. UDALL):

S. Res. 222. A resolution recognizing Vision To Learn as a national leader in improving

access to prescription eyeglasses for students in low-income communities, thereby helping those students succeed in school, and for providing vision exams to 200,000 students since its founding; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. REED, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, and Mr. CASEY):

S. Res. 223. A resolution expressing support for the designation of May 17, 2019, as “DIPG Pediatric Brain Cancer Awareness Day” to raise awareness of and encourage research on diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma tumors and pediatric cancers in general; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. Res. 224. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Nurses Week, to be observed from May 6 through May 12, 2019; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. COONS, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KING, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. CASEY, Ms. HARRIS, and Ms. WARREN):

S. Res. 225. A resolution supporting the goals of International Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Awareness Day; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. JONES, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. KING, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. KAINE, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. PETERS, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CASEY, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. YOUNG):

S. Res. 226. A resolution recognizing National Foster Care Month as an opportunity to raise awareness about the challenges of children in the foster care system, and encouraging Congress to implement policy to improve the lives of children in the foster care system; considered and agreed to.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 91

At the request of Mr. GARDNER, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG) and the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 91, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize per diem payments under comprehensive service programs for homeless veterans to furnish care to dependents of homeless veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 133

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 133, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the United States merchant mariners of World War II, in recognition of their dedicated and vital service during World War II.

S. 178

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 178, a bill to condemn gross human rights violations of ethnic Turkic Muslims in Xinjiang, and calling for an end to arbitrary detention, torture, and harassment of these communities inside and outside China.

S. 203

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) were added as cosponsors of S. 203, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the railroad track maintenance credit, and for other purposes.

S. 239

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 239, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition of Christa McAuliffe.

S. 362

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. JONES), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) were added as cosponsors of S. 362, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform taxation of alcoholic beverages.

S. 457

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD), the Senator from Utah (Mr. ROMNEY) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) were added as cosponsors of S. 457, a bill to require that \$1 coins issued during 2019 honor President George H.W. Bush and to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to issue bullion coins during 2019 in honor of Barbara Bush.

S. 460

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 460, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the exclusion for employer-provided education assistance to employer payments of student loans.

S. 479

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 479, a bill to revise section 48 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes.

S. 546

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 546, a bill to extend authorization for the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001 through fiscal year 2090, and for other purposes.

S. 551

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) was added as a cosponsor of S. 551, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require manufacturers of certain single-dose vial drugs payable under part B of the Medicare program to provide rebates with respect to amounts of such drugs discarded, and for other purposes.

S. 559

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Ms.

SINEMA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 559, a bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to provide leave because of the death of a son or daughter.

S. 569

At the request of Mr. YOUNG, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 569, a bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations relating to commercial motor vehicle drivers under the age of 21, and for other purposes.

S. 578

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 578, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the five-month waiting period for disability insurance benefits under such title for individuals with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.

S. 622

At the request of Mr. JONES, the names of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) were added as cosponsors of S. 622, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 633

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 633, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the members of the Women's Army Corps who were assigned to the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion, known as the “Six Triple Eight”.

S. 640

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 640, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require pharmacy-negotiated price concessions to be included in negotiated prices at the point-of-sale under part D of the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 689

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 689, a bill to amend the Animal Health Protection Act to support State and Tribal efforts to develop and implement management strategies to address chronic wasting disease among deer, elk, and moose populations, to support research regarding the causes of chronic wasting disease and methods to control the further spread of the disease, and for other purposes.

S. 726

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 726, a bill to amend the

Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to ensure the safety of cosmetics.

S. 727

At the request of Mr. COONS, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE) and the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) were added as cosponsors of S. 727, a bill to combat international extremism by addressing global fragility and violence and stabilizing conflict-affected areas, and for other purposes.

S. 762

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 762, a bill to provide for funding from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund for all Federal Aviation Administration activities in the event of a Government shutdown, and for other purposes.

S. 778

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 778, a bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to conduct coastal community vulnerability assessments related to ocean acidification, and for other purposes.

S. 846

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 846, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to limit certain rolling stock procurements, and for other purposes.

S. 851

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 851, a bill to direct the Secretary of Labor to issue an occupational safety and health standard that requires covered employers within the health care and social service industries to develop and implement a comprehensive workplace violence prevention plan, and for other purposes.

S. 864

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 864, a bill to provide for further comprehensive research at the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke on unruptured intracranial aneurysms.

S. 867

At the request of Ms. HASSAN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 867, a bill to protect students of institutions of higher education and the taxpayer investment in institutions of higher education by improving oversight and accountability of institutions of higher education, particularly for-profit colleges, improving

protections for students and borrowers, and ensuring the integrity of postsecondary education programs, and for other purposes.

S. 872

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 872, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to redesign \$20 Federal reserve notes so as to include a likeness of Harriet Tubman, and for other purposes.

S. 1032

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1032, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the definition of income for purposes of determining the tax-exempt status of certain corporations.

S. 1081

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. JONES) were added as cosponsors of S. 1081, a bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to provide permanent, dedicated funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and for other purposes.

S. 1083

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1083, a bill to address the fundamental injustice, cruelty, brutality, and inhumanity of slavery in the United States and the 13 American colonies between 1619 and 1865 and to establish a commission to study and consider a national apology and proposal for reparations for the institution of slavery, its subsequent de jure and de facto racial and economic discrimination against African-Americans, and the impact of these forces on living African-Americans, to make recommendations to the Congress on appropriate remedies, and for other purposes.

S. 1126

At the request of Mrs. CAPITO, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1126, a bill to provide better care for Americans living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias and their caregivers, while accelerating progress toward prevention strategies, disease modifying treatments, and, ultimately, a cure.

S. 1201

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1201, a bill to amend the fossil energy research and development provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to enhance fossil fuel technology, and for other purposes.

S. 1218

At the request of Mr. VAN HOLLEN, the name of the Senator from Virginia

(Mr. KAINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1218, a bill to require the review of the service of certain members of the Armed Forces during World War I to determine if such members should be awarded the Medal of Honor, to authorize the award of the Medal of Honor based on the results of the review, and for other purposes.

S. 1235

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN), the Senator from Utah (Mr. ROMNEY), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 1235, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, giving women in the United States the right to vote.

S. 1263

At the request of Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1263, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish an interagency task force on the use of public lands to provide medical treatment and therapy to veterans through outdoor recreation.

S. 1350

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) were added as cosponsors of S. 1350, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to limit the liability of health care professionals who volunteer to provide health care services in response to a disaster.

S. 1370

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1370, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat certain military survivor benefits as earned income for purposes of the kiddie tax.

At the request of Mr. JONES, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1370, *supra*.

S. 1394

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1394, a bill to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions.

S. 1409

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1409, a bill to enhance the ability of the Office of the National Ombudsman to assist small businesses in meeting regulatory requirements and develop outreach initiatives to promote awareness of the services the Office of the National Ombudsman provides, and for other purposes.

S. 1441

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1441, a bill to impose sanctions with respect to the provision of certain vessels for the construction of Russian energy export pipelines, and for other purposes.

S. 1449

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1449, a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to require warning labels for prescription opioids, and for other purposes.

S. 1518

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1518, a bill to improve the process by which environmental documents are prepared and permits and applications are processed and regulated by Federal departments and agencies, and for other purposes.

S. 1520

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1520, a bill to reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program.

S. 1531

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) were added as cosponsors of S. 1531, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide protections for health insurance consumers from surprise billing.

S. 1533

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1533, a bill to reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program.

S. 1539

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) and the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1539, a bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide funding to secure nonprofit facilities from terrorist attacks, and for other purposes.

S. 1547

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1547, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, relating to sentencing of armed career criminals.

S. 1623

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1623, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow for dis-

tributions from 529 accounts for expenses associated with registered apprenticeship programs.

S.J. RES. 1

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 1, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to limiting the number of terms that a Member of Congress may serve.

S. RES. 99

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 99, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress should take all appropriate measures to ensure that the United States Postal Service remains an independent establishment of the Federal Government and is not subject to privatization.

S. RES. 135

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 135, a resolution expressing the gratitude and appreciation of the Senate for the acts of heroism and valor by the members of the United States Armed Forces who participated in the June 6, 1944, amphibious landing at Normandy, France, and commending those individuals for leadership and bravery in an operation that helped bring an end to World War II.

S. RES. 212

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY), the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. JONES), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 212, a resolution celebrating the 100th anniversary of the passage and ratification of the 19th Amendment, providing for women's suffrage, to the Constitution of the United States.

S. RES. 214

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 214, a resolution recognizing the history and contributions of Muslims of the United States.

S. RES. 218

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 218, a resolution recognizing the significance of Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month as an important time to celebrate the significant contributions of Asian Americans and

Pacific Islanders to the history of the United States.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 1643. A bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to grant a Federal charter to the Forest and Refuge County Foundation, to provide for the establishment of the Natural Resources Permanent Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, today Senator CRAPO of Idaho, Senator MERKLEY of Oregon, Senator RISCH of Idaho, and I are introducing the Forest Management for Rural Stability Act. This legislation replaces the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (SRS) to provide revenue sharing with and compensation to over 700 rural forested counties in the over 40 States that host America's treasured, public forested lands and wildlife refuges.

In 2000, then-Senator Larry Craig, also of Idaho, and I, had signed into law SRS: a 6-year long safety-net program to stabilize county budgets following years of depleted revenue sharing payments from the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and the Oregon and California Grant Lands managed by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Over its lifetime, SRS has been a success, providing more than \$6.8 billion nationwide for rural roads, schools, and healthy forest projects. SRS also provided the basis for the beginning of, and the now growing propensity for, the USFS and the BLM to collaborate with local people and interests on the management of these public lands, and for local folks and counties to collaborate together and with the USFS and BLM, in return.

Despite its many successes, the continuation of SRS is in jeopardy. The program expired in fiscal year 2016. Congress passed a two-year extension of the program, but after its expiration. And this was not the first time nor the last time Congress allowed it to expire—SRS is expired right now, though Senator CRAPO and I are attempting, in these last moments of the 115th Congress, to reauthorize it again for at least a year, perhaps two.

This stop and start existence of this program hits at the heart of any attempts at collaboration. And it certainly undermines any attempts for a county to budget. Our rural counties should not continue to suffer neither this uncertainty, nor the market based uncertainty that comes with simply relying on revenue sharing and forest management for support.

That is why Senator CRAPO and I propose an SRS modernization, funding certainty while supporting active forest management. The Forest Management for Rural Stability Act establishes a permanent endowment fund,

the Natural Resources Permanent Fund, to provide stable, reliable, increasing payments to counties, in perpetuity, removing them from the vagaries of Congress or the market.

Under this legislation, Congress char- ters a fiduciary corporation, the Forest and Refuge County Foundation, to manage the endowed fund. The corporation will be independent from any instrumentality of the U.S. government, including Congress, to ensure the principle balance is held in perpetuity and is separate from annual appropriations. The corporation will be overseen by a board of directors responsible for a transparent governance structure. The principle of the fund will be invested to earn interest. To grow the fund, in addition to the investment income, the USFS, BLM, and the Fish and Wildlife Service will deposit their annual revenue sharing receipts into the fund. The interest the fund generates will constitute the payments to the counties, distributed annually using the existing SRS formula. Initial payments to counties will be equal what counties received for Fiscal Year 2017 SRS payments.

The Forest Management for Rural Stability Act continues Congress's commitment to fostering economic growth in rural counties by continuing Forest Service Resource Advisory Committees. In addition, the bill gives county governments greater flexibility in how these funds are spent for economic development and rural jobs.

Passing the Forest Management for Rural Stability Act will update SRS for 2018 and beyond—looking forward for our forested counties, rather than backward to last century efforts.

This bill updates an already successful program that deserves action. I urge my colleagues to support this important bill.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. WARREN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 1649. A bill to restore protections for Social Security, Railroad retirement, and Black Lung benefits from administrative offset; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, Social Security provides vital benefits to millions of Americans who work and pay into the system with each paycheck. Because Social Security is fundamental to workers' retirement security, the law protected benefits from creditors. The only exceptions were unpaid Federal taxes, child support or alimony payments, and court-ordered victim restitution. These protections ensured that the social safety net programs would be there for basic needs. That protection was weakened over 20 years ago when the law was changed. Now, more and more seniors face cuts in their Social Security benefits because of student loan debts. The Wall

Street Journal recently highlighted the issue with an article titled, "Over 60, and Crushed by Student Loan Debt." We need to take action to restore the strong protections to Social Security and other benefit programs.

We now realize what a profound effect the loss of these protections has had on retirees and individuals with disabilities, who often live on fixed incomes. More and more seniors and people with disabilities are having their Social Security and other lifeline benefits taken away to pay Federal debts. For example, according to recent data from the U.S. Bureau of Fiscal Service, over 167,000 Americans had their benefits garnished for student loan debt. Those 167,000 had nearly \$200 million garnished from their earned benefits. This is just the tip of the iceberg as more Americans start receiving benefits. Between 2008 and 2018, the number of individuals whose Social Security benefits were offset to pay student loans debt increased by 133 percent, from about 72,000 to 169,000. Over that same period, the amount collected from Social Security benefits ballooned from almost \$63 million to nearly \$200 million, a 217 percent increase.

Social Security plays a critical role in keeping seniors and people with disabilities out of poverty. In Oregon alone, Social Security cuts the poverty rate of the elderly from about 35 percent to 5 percent. However, despite Social Security's critical role in the safety net, close to 1 out of every 10 seniors over age 65 and 1 in 5 disabled workers still live in poverty and that is simply unacceptable.

I, along with Senators BROWN, WHITEHOUSE, LEAHY, WARREN, HIRONO, SANDERS, GILLIBRAND, MERKLEY, and SCHATZ are reintroducing the Protection of Social Security Benefits Restoration Act. The bill would restore the strong protections in the law that prevented the government from taking earned benefits to pay Federal non-tax debts, and help ensure beneficiaries will be able to maintain a basic standard of living. The bill is supported by AARP, the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare, National Association of Disability Representatives, AFL-CIO, National Organization of Social Security Claimants' Representatives, Social Security Works, National Organization for Women, Justice in Aging, American Federation of Teachers, Alliance for Retired Americans, Economic Policy Institute.

I ask Unanimous Consent that a letter from the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare endorsing our bill be printed in the RECORD.

MAY 15, 2019.

Hon. RON WYDEN,  
*Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC.*

DEAR SENATOR WYDEN: On behalf of the millions of members and supporters of the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare, I write to endorse your bill the "Protection of Social Security Benefits Restoration Act."

Since the inception of the Social Security program in 1935, the Social Security Act provided strong protections against loss of retirement income through the garnishment or attachment of Social Security benefits for the purpose of recovering debts owed by retirees. For decades the law provided near iron-clad protection against impoverishment in old age due to debt collection.

Unfortunately, in 1996 the Congress reversed course by authorizing the garnishment of Social Security and other earned benefits for the purpose of collecting debts owed by seniors to the federal government. Figuring prominently in this matter is the recovery of student loan debts from seniors who are living on their all-too-modest monthly Social Security benefits.

With student loan debt becoming an increasingly serious problem in this country, we agree with you that now is the time to act. The Congress must restore the historic protections that once were provided by Social Security against the spectacle of impoverishment in old age so that the federal government can collect debts that all too often were incurred years, even decades ago.

For these reasons, the National Committee endorses your bill, the "Protection of Social Security Benefits Restoration Act," and urges other members of the United States Senate to cosponsor this vitally important measure. We thank you for your leadership on this matter and look forward to working with you to enact this bill.

Sincerely,

MAX RICHTMAN,  
*President and CEO,  
National Committee  
to Preserve Social  
Security and Medi-  
care.*

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 1649

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Protection of Social Security Benefits Restoration Act".

#### SEC. 2. PROTECTING SOCIAL SECURITY, RAILROAD RETIREMENT, AND BLACK LUNG BENEFITS FROM ADMINISTRATIVE OFFSET.

(a) PROHIBITION ON ADMINISTRATIVE OFFSET AUTHORITY.—

(1) ASSIGNMENT UNDER SOCIAL SECURITY ACT.—Section 207 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 407) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(d) Subparagraphs (A), (C), and (D) of section 3716(c)(3) of title 31, United States Code, as such subparagraphs were in effect on the date before the date of enactment of the Protection of Social Security Benefits Restoration Act, shall be null and void and of no effect."

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(A) Section 14(a) of the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 (45 U.S.C. 231m(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following: ". The provisions of section 207(d) of the Social Security Act shall apply with respect to this title to the same extent as they apply in the case of title II of such Act."

(B) Section 2(e) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (45 U.S.C. 352(e)) is amended by adding at the end the following: "The provisions of section 207(d) of the Social Security Act shall apply with respect to



this title to the same extent as they apply in the case of title II of such Act.”

(b) REPEAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFSET AUTHORITY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (3) of section 3716(c) of title 31, United States Code, is amended—

(A) by striking “(3)(A)(i) Notwithstanding” and all that follows through “any overpayment under such program.”;

(B) by striking subparagraphs (C) and (D); and

(C) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as paragraph (3).

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Paragraph (5) of such section is amended by striking “the Commissioner of Social Security and”.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to any collection by administrative offset occurring on or after the date of enactment of this Act of a claim arising before, on, or after the date of enactment of this Act.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Ms. SMITH, and Mr. KING):

S. 1657. A bill to provide assistance to combat the escalating burden of Lyme disease and other tick and vector-borne diseases and disorders; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I rise today with my colleague from Minnesota, Senator TINA SMITH, to introduce the TICK Act. This stands for Ticks: Identify, Control, and Knockout Act. I would also like to recognize my colleague from Maine, Senator KING, who is joining us as an original cosponsor.

Our bipartisan legislation would provide local communities and States with the resources needed to help prevent, detect early, and treat Lyme and other tick-borne diseases.

Tick-borne diseases like Lyme have become a major public health concern, with the incidence exploding over the past 15 years. The number of Americans with tick-borne diseases has been rising at an alarming rate. In 2003, Lyme disease infected approximately 30,000 Americans. Last year there were an estimated 450,000 cases—a staggering 1,400-percent increase.

In Maine, last year alone, there were 2,000 new cases of Lyme disease. That is a sharp increase from the 752 cases in 2010.

Other tick-borne diseases are also on the rise. Anaplasmosis, for example, has more than tripled.

Far too many Americans with Lyme disease experience a complex diagnostic odyssey that takes months or even years. One of my constituents, Paula Jackson Jones, from Damariscotta, ME, shared with me her harrowing tale that took 2 years, scores of tests, and 23 different physicians before she finally received the correct diagnosis that she had Lyme disease. Her journey started one afternoon 10 years ago after raking leaves in her backyard. A week later, unusual symptoms began to appear: anxiety attacks, pain, muscle spasms, and fatigue. These symptoms became debilitating.

Before receiving the correct diagnosis, Paula was diagnosed incorrectly

with multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's, and other diseases. Once she finally received the proper diagnosis and treatment, Paula founded Midcoast Lyme Disease Support & Education, a non-profit that raises public awareness about Lyme disease.

She told me:

This has been a 10-year crusade for me with the first 5 years fighting for my life and the latter, fighting on behalf of others.

In addition to the physical and emotional toll that Lyme disease takes, it is also expensive. Paula is still paying off more than \$250,000 worth of medical bills that she has incurred. Medical costs of Lyme disease are estimated at \$1.3 billion per year. When accounting for indirect medical costs, including the loss of work, the annual cost balloons to \$75 billion per year.

A correct and early diagnosis can reduce costs, as well as improve the prognosis, but we have a long way to go. When HIV became a public health crisis, fortunately, a gold standard for identification and treatment was developed within 10 years. Lyme disease, by contrast, was identified more than 40 years ago; yet there still is no gold standard treatment, and existing prevention, education, and diagnostic efforts have proven to be inadequate.

The TICK Act would apply a three-pronged approach to addressing Lyme and other tick and vector-borne diseases. First, it would establish an office of oversight and coordination of vector-borne diseases at the Department of Health and Human Services. This office would develop a national strategy to prevent and treat Lyme and other tick-borne diseases. It would expand research and improve testing, treatment affordability, and public awareness. The office would also coordinate with key Federal agencies, including the CDC, the Department of Defense, USDA, and EPA to protect Americans from these diseases.

Second, our bill would reauthorize the Regional Centers for Excellence in Vector-Borne Disease, which Congress established in 2017 in response to the Zika outbreak. Since then, tick-borne diseases have accounted for three out of four vector-borne diseases in our country, and these centers have been effective in leading the scientific response. The Collins-Smith bill would reauthorize these centers for another 5 years at \$10 million per year.

Finally, our bill would establish CDC grants, which would be awarded to State health departments to improve data collection and analysis, support early detection and diagnosis, improve treatment and heighten public awareness. The TICK Act takes a comprehensive approach to address tick-borne diseases.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD at the conclusion of my remarks letters of support signed by more than 2 dozen organizations supporting our bill, including the Midcoast Lyme Disease and Support Education organization, the

LivLyme Foundation, the Northeast Regional Center for Excellence in Vector-Borne Diseases, the National Association of County and City Health Officials, and the Entomological Society of America.

I urge all of our colleagues to support this important legislation.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

MAY 22, 2019.

Re: Stakeholder Support for Bill on Vector-Borne Disease Management.

Hon. SUSAN COLLINS,  
Dirksen Senate Office Building,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR SENATOR COLLINS: On behalf of the Vector-Borne Disease Network and allied organizations, we the undersigned write to articulate our support for the objectives of “Ticks: Identify, Control, and Knockout Act” or the “TICK Act,” which aims to combat the escalating burden of VBD. The Vector-Borne Disease Network is a new stakeholder group of non-profit organizations led by the Entomological Society of America (ESA) that aims to reduce human and animal suffering caused by arthropod disease vectors.

Illnesses such as Lyme disease, Zika virus, Malaria, and West Nile virus are transmitted by vector organisms, primarily blood-feeding insects or arthropods. Vectors ingest disease-causing germs when biting an infected human or animal and later inject them into a new host during a subsequent bite.

Between 2004 and 2016, reported human disease cases in the U.S. resulting from bites from arthropods—primarily ticks and mosquitoes—tripled, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Meanwhile, nine new germs spread by ticks and mosquitoes were discovered or introduced in that same timeframe. Disease vectors also pose significant threats to both livestock and companion animals. The underlying causes for these trends are varying and complex, and so are the potential solutions.

Due to all the challenges mentioned above, and the growing threat to American health and security posed by vector-borne disease (VBD), the Vector-Borne Disease Network is pleased to see new legislation that aims to establish an Office of Oversight and Coordination for VBD within the Department of Health and Human Services to promote interagency coordination; develop and maintain a national plan for responding to VBD; reauthorize the CDC Regional Centers of Excellence in VBD for five years; and authorize a cooperative agreement through CDC to support state health department efforts to improve management, surveillance, diagnosis, and education.

On behalf of this coalition of stakeholders invested in the mission to reduce the public-health and economic risks posed by ticks and mosquitoes, we thank you for your commitment to this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Anastasia Mosquito Control District of St. Johns County (FL); Associated Executives of Mosquito Control Work in New Jersey; Drexel University, College of Medicine; Entomological Society of America; Colorado Tick-Borne Disease Awareness Association; College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, University of Wisconsin-Madison; Hudson Valley Lyme Disease Association; Lyme Association of Greater Kansas City, Inc.; Midwest Center of Excellence for Vector Borne Disease; National Association of Vector-Borne Disease Control Officials; New Jersey Mosquito Control Association; North Fork Deer Management Alliance;

Northeast Regional Center for Excellence in Vector Borne Diseases; Pacific Southwest Center of Excellence in Vector-Borne Diseases; School of Veterinary Medicine at UW-Madison; Southeastern Regional Center of Excellence in Vector Borne Diseases; University of Miami Miller School of Medicine; University of Rhode Island Center for Vector-Borne Disease; University of Rhode Island TickEncounter Resource Center; US Biologic; Western Gulf Center of Excellence for Vector-borne Disease.

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE TICK ACT—MAY 21, 2019

Please pass along my sincere gratitude to Senator Collins for taking on this fight on our behalf. This has been a 10-year crusade for me with the first 5 years fighting for my life and the latter, fighting on behalf of others.

Bit by a tick in Oct 2009 while outside doing fall clean up with my husband, I was misdiagnosed for the next 2.5 years by 23 doctors and specialist from panic attacks to chronic fatigue to fibromyalgia. When a scan revealed lesions on my brain appeared and my neurological symptoms intensified, I was tested and diagnosed with MS. When my symptoms became even more severe and I was not responding to treatment, I was re-evaluated and my diagnosis changed to Parkinson's. When I began to have trouble swallowing and using my arms and legs was a daily challenged, my medical providers wanted me tested for ALS. I knew that was a death sentence for me and it was at this point I knew that I needed to fight. This was when I spoke out for the first time and advocated for myself.

Thanks to my sister in law who kept pressing me to be checked for Lyme disease, even though I had 4 negative tests, I demanded to see a provider who knew about Lyme. My primary refused to give me a referral because that was not what they thought I had. The intern gave me a scrap of paper with the name of someone he knew saw Lyme patients and that doctor, number 24, saved my life.

Shortly thereafter, with bloodwork and additional tests, I was diagnosed with late stage neurological Lyme, Babesia, Bartonella, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever and Ehrlichiosis.

These medical providers who knew more about Lyme and tick-borne disease not only saved my life but gave my life back to me.

Today, I am in full remission going on 5 years.

In April of 2014, I co-founded and became President of Midcoast Lyme Disease Support & Education (MLDSE), a charitable non-profit 501c3 organization that travels statewide, hosting year-round free educational and prevention talks and event. We advocate for changes at state and federal levels and provide support to those in Maine afflicted by tick-borne disease by connecting them to medical providers and financial assistance programs. We are the Maine partner of the national Lyme Disease Association, members of Maine's CDC Vector-borne Work Group and active in Maine's Lyme legislation. In 2018, I wore a federal hat as the co-chair to the HHS Tick-borne Disease Working Group's Access to Care Services and Patient Support subcommittee. I honored to have been selected for that role as it defines who I am these days, sitting in the trenches alongside patients and their families and connecting them with whatever services they need as they journey back towards health and wellness. I am not a victim but a survivor and one who advocates for those who cannot advocate for themselves.

This is a fulltime job for and one that I do on a voluntary basis without pay.

Sen Collins, your support is so greatly needed as funding is crucial to our work here on the ground as well as on the hill. You see, when people are personally touched by something, they fight and they fight hard to make changes. We will not stop fighting until the status quo changes. Until the new science is embraced and patients are treated with fairness and equality, irregardless of the disease that they may have. We will fight to protect the doctors who put their careers on the line each and every day to save their patients.

When a cancer doctor thinks outside the box and heals their patient, they are deemed a hero. When a Lyme provider does it, they are brought up under medical scrutiny and disciplined beyond belief.

The governing body that exists and controls all things to do with disease (IDSA) wrote in their guidelines a foot note that reads as follows:

These guidelines were developed and issued on behalf of the Infectious Diseases Society of America.

It is important to realize that guidelines cannot always account for individual variation among patients. They are not intended to supplant physician judgment with respect to particular patients or special clinical situations. The Infectious Diseases Society of America considers adherence to these guidelines to be voluntary, with the ultimate determination regarding their application to be made by the physician in the light of each patient's individual circumstances.

In 2013, ILADS introduced another set of diagnostic and treatment options and after passing a rigorous qualifying process, it was introduced into the National Guidelines Clearinghouse but ignored by IDSA and dismissed by mainstream medicine.

In 2015 advocates, patients and medical providers were forced to pushed through a bill of protection [Maine Public Law LD422] to protect those knowledgeable about tick-borne disease who choose to do just that—focus on the individual circumstances of each patient and treat accordingly

Sen Collins, Lyme and tick-borne disease is not a cookie cutter disease and a cookie cutter approach has failed time and time again. With your bill, a strong push and more funding will help with provider and patient education and access to better diagnostic and treatment services.

Thank You so much,

Paula Jackson Jones, President and Co-Founder, Midcoast Lyme Disease Support & Education, Co-Chair of Access to Care Services and Patient Support, subcommittee of the HHS Federal Tick-borne Disease Working Group; Maine partner of the National Lyme Disease Association; Member of Maine CDC Vector-Borne Workgroup; Active in Maine's Lyme Legislation movement.

Ms. SMITH. Mr. President, I thank Senator COLLINS for her leadership on this issue. I am very happy to have a chance to work with her on this.

Today, my colleague Senator COLLINS and I are introducing a bill to help fight Lyme disease, so we are introducing this bill today here in the Senate as many Minnesotans and Mainers get ready to head out to our beautiful national parks, lakes, and coastline to go fishing, hiking, and all of the things that we love, love, love to do.

In Minnesota, we have more than 10,000 lakes and a lot of space for outdoor activities, and we also have a growing tick population due to warmer summer months. With so many lakes and our excitement to get outside after

a long winter, Minnesotans have become more at risk of contracting Lyme disease and other vector-borne illness.

A vector-borne illness means an illness that is carried by an insect, like ticks. Unfortunately, the number of Lyme disease cases in Minnesota is on the rise. Over the past 10 years, the number of reported cases has increased by nearly a third.

Our bill, the TICK Act, aims to reduce the number of cases by establishing an interagency office of oversight and coordination to target, prevent, and treat Lyme disease and other vector-borne illnesses. In our legislation, we made sure to enable collaboration between universities and public health agencies, and it is important we train and equip our public health first responders in how best to prevent and treat vector-borne illnesses.

The TICK Act is supported by a coalition of researchers, as Senator COLLINS just said, also frontline medical professionals and government officials from across the country, so I urge my colleagues to listen to the professionals on the ground fighting vector-borne diseases and quickly take up and pass this bill.

May is Lyme disease awareness month. We must be aware of and prepare for future vector-borne disease outbreaks, and this bill will be an important first step.

So I want to thank Senator COLLINS, my colleague on the HELP Committee, for her leadership on this important issue. I am glad we are able to work together on this bill.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mr. REED):

S. 1659. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of pediatric subspecialists in the National Health Service Corps program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I am pleased to be joining Senator BLUNT in introducing the Ensuring Children's Access to Specialty Care Act.

According to the American Association of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, there are currently only 8,300 child and adolescent psychiatrists (CAPs) in the United States—many of whom are not practicing full time—far short of the estimated need of over 30,000 CAPs. On average, patients wait almost two months to see a CAP, a startling concern given that the incidence rates of mental illness and behavioral disorders among children in the United States continue to grow. Fifty percent of all lifetime cases of mental illness begin at age 14; seventy-five percent by age 24.

The National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program (NHSCLRP) was created by Congress over forty years ago to help recruit and place trained individuals in underserved communities to provide needed health care services. Licensed health care providers may earn up to \$50,000 toward

student loans in exchange for a two-year commitment at an NHSC-approved site, within two years of completing their residency. Accepted participants may serve as primary care medical, dental, or mental/behavioral health clinicians.

NHSCLRP provides critical relief to physicians who have completed pediatrics or psychiatry residency training programs; however, pediatric subspecialists, such as child and adolescent psychiatrists, are effectively barred from participating due to the extra training these physicians are required to take after completing their residency. This extra training, which often results in increased student debt, typically consists of a fellowship that takes place in the two-year window of eligibility for NHSCLRP. The creation of NHSCLRP preceded the expansion of many pediatric subspecialties, not taking into account the extra years of training required for these physicians.

The Ensuring Children's Access to Specialty Care Act would correct this loophole and allow pediatric subspecialists practicing in underserved areas to benefit from the NHSCLRP. By so doing, this bill would increase access to specialty care for children and improve mental health parity for children.

Providers across the spectrum of care support this bipartisan legislation including: the American Association of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Arthritis Foundation, Children's Hospital Association, March of Dimes, and the National Alliance on Mental Illness. I look forward to working with these and other stakeholders as well as Senator BLUNT and our colleagues to pass the Ensuring Children's Access to Specialty Care Act in order to help ensure children have greater access to the health care they need.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 1693. A bill to reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program; considered and passed.

S. 1693

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "National Flood Insurance Program Extension Act of 2019".

#### SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM.

(a) FINANCING.—Section 1309(a) of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4016(a)) is amended by striking "May 31, 2019" and inserting "June 14, 2019".

(b) PROGRAM EXPIRATION.—Section 1319 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4026) is amended by striking "May 31, 2019" and inserting "June 14, 2019".

(c) RETROACTIVE EFFECTIVE DATE.—If this Act is enacted after May 31, 2019, the amendments made by subsections (a) and (b) shall take effect as if enacted on May 31, 2019.

#### SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 219—HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF PATSY TAKEMOTO MINK, THE FIRST WOMAN OF COLOR TO SERVE IN CONGRESS

Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. HARRIS, Ms. HASSAN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. ROSEN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. SMITH, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. WARREN, Ms. SINEMA, and Mr. KAINE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 219

Whereas Patsy Takemoto Mink was born in Paia, Hawaii, to Japanese-American parents, Suematsu and Mitama Tateyama Takemoto;

Whereas Patsy Takemoto Mink overcame gender discrimination to become the first Japanese-American woman to practice law in Hawaii;

Whereas Patsy Takemoto Mink devoted her life to public service;

Whereas Patsy Takemoto Mink served in—

- (1) the Hawaii territorial House from 1956 to 1958;
- (2) the Hawaii territorial Senate from 1958 to 1959;
- (3) the Hawaii State Senate from 1962 to 1964; and
- (4) the Honolulu City Council from 1983 to 1987;

Whereas Representative Mink became the first Asian-American woman and the first woman of color to be elected to Congress in 1964;

Whereas Representative Mink served 12 terms as a Member of Congress;

Whereas Representative Mink fought throughout her life for fundamental rights and equity for women, children, Asian Americans, and other minority and disenfranchised groups;

Whereas Representative Mink—

- (1) introduced the first childcare bill; and
- (2) co-authored and championed the landmark title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.) to promote equal access and equal treatment for women and girls in educational settings;

Whereas Representative Mink maintained a national focus on issues affecting Asian Pacific Americans, notably educating people of the United States about the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II;

Whereas Representative Mink was a committed advocate for many progressive causes, including—

- (1) ending gender and racial discrimination;
- (2) promoting social and economic justice;
- (3) improving access to high-quality education and affordable child care;
- (4) protecting civil liberties; and
- (5) ensuring government accountability;

Whereas Representative Mink was the first Democratic woman to deliver a State of the Union response in 1970;

Whereas Representative Mink was a co-founder and chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus;

Whereas Representative Mink served as the Secretary of the House Democratic Caucus;

Whereas Representative Mink served as the co-chair of the Democratic Women's Caucus;

Whereas, in 1977, President Jimmy Carter nominated Patsy Takemoto Mink to serve as Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs;

Whereas, in 2003, Patsy Takemoto Mink was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame;

Whereas, on November 24, 2014, Patsy Takemoto Mink was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor of the United States;

Whereas November 3, 2019, marks the 55th anniversary of the election of Representative Mink to the House of Representatives; and

Whereas Patsy Takemoto Mink was a trailblazer who not only pioneered the way for women and minorities, but also embodied the true definition of leadership as a "national legislator": Now, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) acknowledges the 55th anniversary of the election to the House of Representatives of Patsy Takemoto Mink, the first woman of color in Congress;

(2) pays tribute to the service and dedicated work of Representative Mink—

(A) to improve the lives of women and minorities;

(B) to advance justice and equality; and

(C) to promote the rights of all individuals in the United States, particularly in education, the workforce, and democratic processes; and

(3) recognizes the extraordinary work and legacy of Representative Mink, which has inspired and empowered many to devote their lives to public service.

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. President, I rise today, during Asian Pacific American Heritage month, in remembrance of Representative Patsy Takemoto Mink. Representative Mink was elected 55 years ago to represent Hawaii's second congressional district. In 2006, I had the privilege of filling the seat that my friend, Representative Mink, honorably held for 24 years.

Patsy Mink was a trailblazer, whose career embodied a series of firsts. She was the first woman of color, and first Asian American woman elected to Congress in 1964. She became the first Asian American woman to practice law in Hawaii and the first Asian American woman elected to the Hawaii territorial legislature. No matter how many times she was excluded from traditionally male spheres, Representative Mink persevered and took risks. She overcame gender and racial discrimination and pursued a career during which she fought the injustice that she had endured. She devoted nearly 50 years of her life to be a champion for those who had no one to stand up and speak for them.

Representative Mink maintained a national focus on issues facing the Asian Pacific American community. Twenty-five years ago, she helped found the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus. She also worked with members of Hawaii's congressional delegation to educate Americans about the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II.

Representative Mink fought throughout her life for the principles of equity, fairness, and integrity. She was a leader on women's rights, social and economic justice, health care, child care,

and education. She introduced the first childcare bill in the House. Patsy's name is forever linked with the passage of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which she coauthored and fought for relentlessly. This act is now named the Patsy T. Mink and Louise M. Slaughter Gender Equity in Education Act. Title IX provides women and girls equal access to higher education and protection from sexual harassment, and prohibits gender discrimination in all educational activities, notably in athletics. Representative Mink often said, "It is easy enough to vote right and be consistently with the majority. But it is more often more important to be ahead of the majority." I know our country can remain forward-thinking by ensuring that young women and minorities are given equal opportunity.

Representative Mink was one of only eleven women to serve in the House of Representatives in 1964, and she became one of the longest-serving women in Congress. She shattered the glass ceiling during a time when women were not seen as leaders, especially not in Congress. Representative Mink continues to be an inspiration to many, and her legacy lives on in schools, universities, and here, in Congress. Last year, a record number of women ran for public office and were elected. With 102 women elected to serve in the House of Representatives and 25 women in the Senate, the 116th Congress is the most diverse yet. Patsy would have been delighted.

In 2007, upon my election to the U.S. House, I was proud to cast my first vote in support of NANCY PELOSI for speaker and did so in memory of Patsy Mink. Earlier, Speaker PELOSI told me that Representative Mink was the first person to tell her that "one day, you're going to be speaker." Patsy would have loved to have been there to see her words come true for her friend, NANCY.

The last time I saw Patsy was when both of us were in the Kailua 4th of July parade in 2002. She asked me to have lunch with her. I have a picture of us from that day and it is a poignant reminder of my friend Patsy and her attitude of never giving up and persevering because our work is not done. She is a continuing inspiration to me.

I yield the floor.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 220—DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF JUNE 2019 AS "NATIONAL POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS AWARENESS MONTH" AND JUNE 27, 2019, AS "NATIONAL POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS AWARENESS DAY"**

Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. TILLIS, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MORAN, Mr. COONS, Mr. DAINES, Mr. BENNET, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. TESTER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CASEY, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. HOEVEN, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mrs.

SHAHEEN, Mr. YOUNG, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. CAPITO, Ms. SMITH, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. REED, and Mr. BOOKER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 220

Whereas the brave men and women of the Armed Forces, who proudly serve the United States, risk their lives to protect the freedom of the people of the United States and deserve the investment of every possible resource to ensure their lasting physical, mental, and emotional well-being;

Whereas more than 2,770,000 members of the Armed Forces have deployed overseas since the events of September 11, 2001, and have served in places such as Afghanistan and Iraq;

Whereas the current generation of men and women in the Armed Forces has sustained a high rate of operational deployments, with many members of the Armed Forces serving overseas multiple times, placing those members at high risk of experiencing combat stress;

Whereas, when left untreated, exposure to traumatic combat stress can lead to post-traumatic stress, sometimes referred to as post-traumatic stress disorder (in this preamble referred to as "PTSD") or post-traumatic stress injury;

Whereas men and women of the Armed Forces and veterans who served before September 11, 2001, remain at risk for post-traumatic stress;

Whereas the Secretary of Veterans Affairs reports that approximately—

(1) 11 to 20 percent of veterans who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom have PTSD in a given year;

(2) 12 percent of veterans who served in the Persian Gulf War have PTSD in a given year; and

(3) 30 percent of veterans who served in the Vietnam era have had PTSD in their lifetimes;

Whereas many combat stress injuries remain unreported, undiagnosed, and untreated due to a lack of awareness about post-traumatic stress and the persistent stigma associated with mental health conditions;

Whereas exposure to trauma during service in the Armed Forces can lead to post-traumatic stress;

Whereas post-traumatic stress significantly increases the risk of anxiety, depression, suicide, homelessness, and drug- and alcohol-related disorders and deaths, especially if left untreated;

Whereas public perceptions of post-traumatic stress or other mental health disorders create unique challenges for veterans seeking employment;

Whereas the Department of Defense, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and veterans service organizations, as well as the larger medical community, both private and public, have made significant advances in the identification, prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of post-traumatic stress and the symptoms of post-traumatic stress, but many challenges remain;

Whereas increased understanding of post-traumatic stress can help eliminate the stigma attached to this mental health issue;

Whereas additional efforts are needed to find further ways to eliminate the stigma associated with post-traumatic stress, including—

(1) an examination of how post-traumatic stress is discussed in the United States; and

(2) a recognition that post-traumatic stress is a common injury that is treatable;

Whereas post-traumatic stress can result from any number of stressors other than combat, including rape, sexual assault, battery, torture, confinement, child abuse, car accidents, train wrecks, plane crashes, bombings, or natural disasters, and affects approximately 8,000,000 adults in the United States annually;

Whereas the diagnosis now known as PTSD was first defined by the American Psychiatric Association in 1980 to commonly and more accurately understand and treat veterans who had endured severe traumatic combat stress;

Whereas the word "disorder" perpetuates the stigma associated with combat stress; and

Whereas the designation of a National Post-Traumatic Stress Awareness Month and a National Post-Traumatic Stress Awareness Day will raise public awareness about issues related to post-traumatic stress, reduce the associated stigma, and help ensure that those individuals suffering from the invisible wounds of war receive proper treatment: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates June 2019 as "National Post-Traumatic Stress Awareness Month" and June 27, 2019, as "National Post-Traumatic Stress Awareness Day";

(2) supports the efforts of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Defense, as well as the entire medical community, to educate members of the Armed Forces, veterans, the families of members of the Armed Forces and veterans, and the public about the causes, symptoms, and treatment of post-traumatic stress;

(3) supports efforts by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Defense to foster cultural change around the issue of post-traumatic stress, understanding that personal interactions can save lives and advance treatment;

(4) welcomes the efforts of the National Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder of the Department of Veterans Affairs and local Vet Centers (as defined in section 1712A(h) of title 38, United States Code) to provide assistance to veterans who are suffering from the effects of post-traumatic stress;

(5) encourages officers of the Armed Forces to support appropriate treatment of men and women of the Armed Forces who suffer from post-traumatic stress;

(6) recognizes the impact of post-traumatic stress on the spouses and families of members of the Armed Forces and veterans; and

(7) respectfully requests that the Secretary of the Senate transmit a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Defense.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 221—RECOGNIZING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TIANANMEN SQUARE MASSACRE AND CONDEMNING THE INTENSIFYING REPRESSION AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS BY THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY AND THE USE OF SURVEILLANCE BY CHINESE AUTHORITIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

Mr. GARDNER (for himself, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. RISCH, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. TOOMEY, and Mr. RUBIO) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

## S. RES. 221

Whereas the United States was founded on the principle that all persons are endowed with certain unalienable rights;

Whereas the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in Paris on December 10, 1948, enshrined the rights of freedom of expression, assembly, and association;

Whereas, after the death on April 15, 1989, of former General Secretary of the Chinese Communist Party Hu Yaobang, who was compelled to resign in 1987 for expressing support of students demanding political reform, thousands of people gathered to mourn him and demonstrate peacefully in Beijing;

Whereas, throughout April and May 1989, peaceful demonstrations continued in Tiananmen Square and in an estimated 400 other cities across China, with total numbers of demonstrators reaching into the millions;

Whereas, on May 9, 1989, prompted by discontent over censorship of the coverage of protests, more than 1,000 Chinese journalists signed a petition calling for freedom of the press;

Whereas, by May 18, 1989, an estimated 1,000,000 Chinese citizens from all walks of life, including students, teachers, workers, writers and other individuals, gathered peacefully in Tiananmen Square to call for political and economic reforms;

Whereas several Chinese individuals in positions of authority, including the presidents of 8 Chinese universities and the central committees of the Communist Youth League of China, called for the Government of the People's Republic of China to accept the demands of the Tiananmen Square protesters;

Whereas Chinese students abroad, including in the United States, organized rallies in support of the Tiananmen Square demonstrations;

Whereas, on May 20, 1989, the Government of the People's Republic of China declared martial law in Beijing and deployed troops of the People's Liberation Army within the city;

Whereas, on June 4, 1989, troops of the People's Liberation Army, at the behest of Chinese Communist Party leadership, attacked Tiananmen Square to repress demonstrators, crushing defenseless protesters with tanks and firing on them indiscriminately, killing hundreds or possibly thousands of individuals;

Whereas troops of the People's Liberation Army also suppressed protests in other cities in China;

Whereas protestors braved the brutal repression ordered by the Government of the People's Republic of China, including by facing down a column of tanks sent to intimidate unarmed civilians;

Whereas the Government of the People's Republic of China dishonestly portrayed the individuals gathered as rioters;

Whereas, in 2019, the Government of the People's Republic of China censors any mention of Tiananmen Square and imprisons its own citizens who attempt to discuss Tiananmen Square;

Whereas, in recent years, Chinese Communist Party leadership, especially under President Xi Jinping, has tightened its control over the lives of Chinese citizens and suppressed beliefs and activities it views as threatening to its rule, including through—

(1) the “709 Crackdown”, in which the Government of the People's Republic of China, on July 9, 2015, detained and imprisoned hundreds of lawyers working to uphold the rule of law;

(2) the imprisonment of Chinese dissident Liu Xiaobo, a Nobel Peace Prize winner and outspoken advocate for political reform, until his death in 2017; and

(3) the internment of 800,000 to possibly more than 2,000,000 Uyghurs, ethnic Kazakhs, and other Muslims in internment camps in Xinjiang;

Whereas the 2018 Department of State annual Country Report on Human Rights Practices for the People's Republic of China detailed the continued violations of fundamental freedoms, including the freedoms of speech, the press, religion, association, and assembly, by the Government of the People's Republic of China;

Whereas Congress has passed numerous measures articulating the longstanding and bipartisan commitment to support for human rights in China, including—

(1) the sanctions imposed in response to the Tiananmen Square massacre under section 902 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1990 and 1991 (Public Law 101-246; 22 U.S.C. 2151 note);

(2) the United States-Hong Kong Policy Act of 1992 (Public Law 102-383; 22 U.S.C. 5701 et seq.);

(3) the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-292; 22 U.S.C. 6401 et seq.);

(4) the U.S.-China Relations Act of 2000 (division B of Public Law 106-286; 22 U.S.C. 6901 et seq.);

(5) the Tibetan Policy Act of 2002 (subtitle B of title VI of Public Law 107-228; 22 U.S.C. 6901 note);

(6) the Fourteenth Dalai Lama Congressional Gold Medal Act (Public Law 109-287; 31 U.S.C. 5111 note);

(7) the North Korean Human Rights Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-333; 22 U.S.C. 7801 et seq.);

(8) the North Korean Human Rights Reauthorization Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-346);

(9) the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act (subtitle F of title XII of Public Law 114-328; 22 U.S.C. 2656 note);

(10) the North Korean Human Rights Reauthorization Act of 2017 (Public Law 115-198); and

(11) the Reciprocal Access to Tibet Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-330);

Whereas, on December 31, 2018, President Donald J. Trump signed into law the Asia Reassurance Initiative Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-409), which condemned the “forced disappearances, extralegal detentions, invasive and omnipresent surveillance, and lack of due process in judicial proceedings” in China and authorized funding to promote democracy, human rights, and the rule of law in China;

Whereas the full, complete, and timely implementation of all relevant laws of the United States that address democracy, human rights, and the rule of law in China, including the Asia Reassurance Initiative Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-409), is critical to demonstrating the unwavering support of the United States for the fundamental rights and freedoms of the Chinese people and to providing full support for human rights defenders in China;

Whereas the Chinese Communist Party has passed and implemented sweeping laws that provide the Government of the People's Republic of China with broad authority to suppress the legitimate freedoms and activities of Chinese citizens, civil society, and international entities operating inside China, including—

(1) the 2014 Counterespionage Law;

(2) the 2015 National Security Law;

(3) the 2015 Counterterrorism Law;

(4) the 2016 Charity Law;

(5) the 2017 Law of the People's Republic of China on Administration of Activities of Overseas Nongovernmental Organizations in the Mainland of China; and

(6) the 2017 Cybersecurity Law;

Whereas the Chinese Communist Party has used surveillance since the founding of the

People's Republic of China in 1949 to maintain tight political and social control;

Whereas the ability of the Government of the People's Republic of China to monitor its citizens and otherwise violate their fundamental rights and liberties has been accelerated by the proliferation of closed-circuit security cameras, the adoption of new technologies such as facial recognition, and the use of big data and artificial intelligence;

Whereas the Chinese Communist Party has turned Xinjiang into a testing ground for these intrusive, Orwellian surveillance measures;

Whereas the Government of the People's Republic of China is promoting a state-controlled model of Internet governance that is used to justify government repression of expression online;

Whereas Chinese companies are exporting surveillance technologies to other countries with poor human rights records, and the Government of the People's Republic of China is providing training to officials in these countries; and

Whereas, despite this long and intensifying record of oppression by the Government of the People's Republic of China, selfless Chinese human rights defenders continue their work and advocacy because, in the words of Liu Xiaobo, there is “no force that can put an end to the human quest for freedom, and China will in the end become a nation ruled by law, where human rights reign supreme”: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) expresses its deepest sympathy with the family, friends, colleagues, and classmates of the victims of the Tiananmen Square massacre;

(2) condemns the use of violence as a means to repress the legitimate aspirations of the Chinese people to speak and associate freely, including to petition the government and challenge the policies and ideology of the Chinese Communist Party;

(3) calls on the Government of the People's Republic of China to invite full and independent investigations into the Tiananmen Square massacre by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights;

(4) calls on the Government of the People's Republic of China to release all political prisoners, including prisoners held because of their participation in the Tiananmen Square protest or actions pursuing reforms called for by the individuals gathered in Tiananmen Square;

(5) calls on the Government of the People's Republic of China to refrain from intimidating protest participants who fled China and allow them to return to China without fear of detention or other repercussions;

(6) calls on the Government of the People's Republic of China to cease its current repression of the Chinese people, including of lawyers and activists who stand up for the rights of their fellow citizens;

(7) urges the Government of the People's Republic of China to cease the use of emerging technologies as tools of oppression;

(8) calls on the United States Government and Members of Congress to mark the 30th anniversary of the Tiananmen Square protests, including by—

(A) meeting with participants of the Tiananmen Square protests who now live outside of China;

(B) meeting with others outside of China who have been blacklisted by the Government of the People's Republic of China as a result of their peaceful protest activities;

(C) supporting calls for accountability for the officials who ordered the Tiananmen Square massacre; and

(D) supporting individuals who continue to call for reforms in China to further the freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, freedom

of the press, freedom to petition the government, and freedom of religion; and

(9) calls on the international community to cooperate in addressing the Government of the People's Republic of China's continued persecution of its own citizens, including the use of intrusive mass surveillance.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 222—RECOGNIZING VISION TO LEARN AS A NATIONAL LEADER IN IMPROVING ACCESS TO PRESCRIPTION EYEGLASSES FOR STUDENTS IN LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES, THEREBY HELPING THOSE STUDENTS SUCCEED IN SCHOOL, AND FOR PROVIDING VISION EXAMS TO 200,000 STUDENTS SINCE ITS FOUNDING**

Mr. COONS (for himself, Ms. ERNST, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. WICKER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. CARPER, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. ROMNEY, Mr. BURR, Mr. JONES, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. MORAN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAINES, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. THUNE, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LANKFORD, and Mr. UDALL) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 222

Whereas, on March 27, 2012, Vision To Learn was founded by Austin and Virginia Beutner in Los Angeles, California, to address the problem of students in low-income communities lacking the glasses needed for those students to succeed in school and in life;

Whereas Vision To Learn began with a single mobile vision clinic, staffed with an eye doctor and an optician—

(1) visiting Napa Street Elementary, a Los Angeles Unified School District campus in Northridge, California; and

(2) providing 5 students with vision exams and prescription eyeglasses free of charge;

Whereas Vision To Learn operates 25 mobile vision clinics, which have provided vision exams to 200,000 students in 13 States, including—

- (1) California;
- (2) Delaware;
- (3) Georgia;
- (4) Hawaii;
- (5) Iowa;
- (6) Louisiana;
- (7) Maryland;
- (8) Michigan;
- (9) Mississippi;
- (10) New Jersey;
- (11) North Carolina;
- (12) Pennsylvania; and
- (13) Virginia;

Whereas Vision To Learn has leveraged partnerships with State Medicaid programs and other organizations, including the United Way of Iowa, Prevent Blindness Iowa, and the Longwood Foundation in Delaware, to increase program stability and further expand access to vision services;

Whereas Vision To Learn is leading an effort by educators and eye care professionals to raise awareness of the inability of some students to see clearly due to correctable

myopia or hyperopia, a basic educational hurdle impacting over 2,000,000 students nationwide that can be solved by providing students with a basic vision exam and a pair of prescription glasses;

Whereas the innovative mobile vision clinic model developed by Vision To Learn delivers basic eye care to students at school, where the students are every day, thereby bypassing common hurdles preventing children from seeing an eye doctor, such as—

- (1) the inability of a parent or guardian to take time off of work;
- (2) a lack of transportation;
- (3) a shortage of eye care providers accepting Medicaid; and
- (4) a misunderstanding of the cost or necessity of eye care;

Whereas Vision To Learn has demonstrated the ability of mobile vision clinics to provide access to care for students in both urban and rural communities;

Whereas, by reaching students who have never visited an eye doctor and providing those students with a first pair of glasses, Vision To Learn introduces students and parents to the need for ongoing eye care, making it more likely that those students and parents will seek out regular exams from a local optometrist or ophthalmologist;

Whereas the program developed by Vision To Learn identifies thousands of students with more serious eye conditions and refers those students to local eye doctors for follow-up exams, in many cases intervening before students experience permanent vision loss;

Whereas, in an effort to quantify the impact of Vision To Learn on the ability of students to access optometric care, the performance of students in school, and the behavior of students in the classroom, the program developed by Vision To Learn has been studied by health and educational researchers at—

(1) the University of California, Los Angeles, Mattel Children's Hospital (referred to in this preamble as "UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital");

(2) the California Health and Human Services Agency, Department of Health Care Services; and

(3) The Johns Hopkins Wilmer Eye Institute;

Whereas the study carried out by UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital found that—

(1) after receiving glasses, students "were able to pay better attention in class, were more engaged, and were more willing to complete their schoolwork, all of which contributed to better overall school performance"; and

(2) "Serving students in school rather than referring them to an outside optometrist increased both access to and use of glasses by both making it easier for families to obtain glasses and changing the school culture to decrease the stigma associated with wearing glasses.";

Whereas Vision To Learn seeks to make the experience of getting glasses fun for children—

(1) by partnering with sports teams, such as—

- (A) the Los Angeles Dodgers;
- (B) the Los Angeles Clippers;
- (C) the Golden State Warriors;
- (D) the Atlanta Hawks;
- (E) the Detroit Pistons;
- (F) the San Jose Sharks; and
- (G) the Baltimore Ravens; and

(2) by having professional athletes participate in events at schools where children get glasses;

Whereas the service level of Vision To Learn has grown an average of 50 percent every year, bringing critical vision services to thousands of additional children, with the

ultimate goal that no child in the United States go to school without the glasses needed for that child to see clearly;

Whereas Vision To Learn is a public-private partnership combining funding from community and corporate foundations and private donors, reimbursement from Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program, and State and local matching funds to support a sustainable program that will help students for years to come;

Whereas Vision To Learn has demonstrated that the program model developed and used by Vision To Learn represents a realistic, affordable pathway to eliminating lack of glasses as an educational barrier to students nationwide;

Whereas Vision To Learn has collaborated with partners in the eye-health and education sectors who have greatly aided Vision To Learn in reaching the milestone of helping 200,000 students, including—

- (1) Rotary International Clubs;
- (2) The Johns Hopkins Wilmer Eye Institute;
- (3) the Essilor Vision Foundation;
- (4) Warby Parker;
- (5) Helen Keller International ChildSight;
- (6) the University of California, Los Angeles, Stein Eye Institute;
- (7) Project Vision Hawaii;
- (8) Western University College of Optometry;
- (9) Prevent Blindness Northern California;
- (10) Classic Optical Laboratories;
- (11) Capital Optical;
- (12) Klauer Optical;
- (13) the California School Nurses Organization;
- (14) Hawaii Keiki: Healthy & Ready to Learn;
- (15) Conexus;
- (16) the Baltimore City Health Department;
- (17) the Detroit Health Department;
- (18) the Kent County Health Department;
- (19) the California Teachers Association; and
- (20) school nurses throughout the areas served by Vision To Learn;

Whereas Vision To Learn has been recognized as a leader in the field—

(1) by the Campaign For Grade-Level Reading, which named Vision To Learn a "Pacesetter Program" in 2014;

(2) by the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics, which named Vision To Learn a "Bright Spot in Hispanic Education" in 2015;

(3) by the California Teachers Association, which presented the "State Gold Award" to Vision To Learn in 2013;

(4) in letters of commendation from—

- (A) House Speaker Nancy Pelosi;
- (B) Representative Maxine Waters; and
- (C) the Ronald Reagan Library; and
- (5) in newspaper op-eds by—
- (A) Senator Chris Coons;
- (B) Delaware Governor Jack Markell;
- (C) Richmond, Virginia, Mayor Levar Stoney;
- (D) Long Beach, California, Mayor Robert Garcia;
- (E) Detroit, Michigan, Mayor Mike Duggan;
- (F) Wilmington, Delaware, Mayor Michael Furzycki; and
- (G) former Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour;

Whereas, according to the American Optometric Association, uncorrected vision conditions affect 1 in every 4 children, yet only 39 percent of students referred to an eye exam through a routine vision screening actually end up seeing an eye doctor, and this discrepancy is far worse in high-poverty communities of color; and

Whereas addressing the basic eye care needs of students is an often overlooked but



critical strategy to improve the educational attainment of those students: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates Vision To Learn on helping 200,000 students;

(2) recognizes Vision To Learn as a national leader in providing school-based vision care and commends the strides the organization has made in that effort; and

(3) supports the mission of Vision To Learn to ensure that no child goes without the glasses needed for that child to succeed in school and in life.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 223—EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF MAY 17, 2019, AS “DIPG PEDIATRIC BRAIN CANCER AWARENESS DAY” TO RAISE AWARENESS OF AND ENCOURAGE RESEARCH ON DIFFUSE INTRINSIC PONTINE GLIOMA TUMORS AND PEDIATRIC CANCERS IN GENERAL**

Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. REED, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, and Mr. CASEY) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

**S. RES. 223**

Whereas diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (referred to in this preamble as “DIPG”) tumors regularly affect 200 to 400 children in the United States each year;

Whereas brain tumors are the leading cause of cancer-related death among children;

Whereas, during childhood, DIPG tumors are—

(1) the second most common type of malignant brain tumor; and

(2) the leading cause of pediatric brain cancer deaths;

Whereas, with respect to a child who is diagnosed with a DIPG tumor and receives treatment for a DIPG tumor, the median amount of time that the child survives after diagnosis is only 9 months;

Whereas, with respect to an individual who is diagnosed with a DIPG tumor, the rate of survival 5 years after diagnosis is approximately 2 percent;

Whereas the average age at which a child is diagnosed with a DIPG tumor is between 5 and 9 years, resulting in a life expectancy approximately 70 years shorter than the average life expectancy in the United States; and

Whereas the prognosis for children diagnosed with DIPG tumors has not improved over the past 40 years: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) supports—

(A) designating May 17, 2019, as “DIPG Pediatric Brain Cancer Awareness Day”; and

(B) efforts—

(i) to better understand diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma tumors;

(ii) to develop effective treatments for diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma tumors; and

(iii) to provide comprehensive care for children with diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma tumors and their families; and

(2) encourages all individuals in the United States to become more informed about—

(A) diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma tumors;

(B) pediatric brain cancer in general; and

(C) challenges relating to research on pediatric cancers and ways to advance such research.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 224—SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL NURSES WEEK, TO BE OBSERVED FROM MAY 6 THROUGH MAY 12, 2019**

Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

**S. RES. 224**

Whereas, beginning in 1991, National Nurses Week is celebrated annually from May 6, also known as “National Recognition Day for Nurses”, through May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing;

Whereas National Nurses Week is a time of year to reflect on the important contributions that nurses make to provide safe, high-quality health care;

Whereas nurses are known to be patient advocates, acting to protect the lives of individuals under their care;

Whereas nurses represent the largest single component of the health care professions, with an estimated population of 4,000,000 registered nurses in the United States;

Whereas nurses are leading in the delivery of quality care in a transformed health care system that improves patient outcomes and safety;

Whereas the Future of Nursing report of the Institute of Medicine has called for the nursing profession to meet the call for leadership in a team-based delivery model;

Whereas, when nurse staffing levels increase, the risk of patient complications and lengthy hospital stays decreases, resulting in cost savings;

Whereas nurses are experienced researchers, and the work of nurses encompasses a wide scope of scientific inquiry, including clinical research, health systems and outcomes research, and nursing education research;

Whereas nurses provide care that is sensitive to the regional and community customs of individuals needing care;

Whereas nurses are well-positioned to provide leadership to eliminate health care disparities that exist in the United States;

Whereas nurses are the cornerstone of the public health infrastructure, promoting healthy lifestyles and educating communities on disease prevention and health promotion;

Whereas nurses help inform, educate, and work closely with legislators to improve—

(1) the education, retention, recruitment, and practice of all nurses; and

(2) the health and safety of the patients for whom the nurses care;

Whereas there is a need—

(1) to strengthen nursing workforce development programs at all levels, including the number of doctorally prepared faculty members; and

(2) to provide education to the nurse research scientists who can develop new nursing care models to improve the health status of the diverse population of the United States;

Whereas nurses touch the lives of the people of the United States through every stage of life; and

Whereas nursing has been voted the most honest and ethical profession in the United States: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of National Nurses Week, as founded by the American Nurses Association;

(2) recognizes the significant contributions of nurses to the health care system in the United States; and

(3) encourages the people of the United States to observe National Nurses Week with

appropriate recognition, ceremonies, activities, and programs to demonstrate the importance of nurses to the everyday lives of patients.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 225—SUPPORTING THE GOALS OF INTERNATIONAL MYALGIC ENCEPHALOMYELITIS/CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY**

Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. COONS, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KING, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. CASEY, Ms. HARRIS, and Ms. WARREN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

**S. RES. 225**

Whereas the National Academy of Medicine (referred to in this preamble as “NAM”), formerly known as the Institute of Medicine, has found Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (referred to in this preamble as “ME/CFS”) to be “a serious, chronic, complex, and systemic disease that frequently and dramatically limits the activities of affected patients”;

Whereas between 836,000 and 2,500,000 individuals of all ages, races, and sexes in the United States are believed to be afflicted with ME/CFS, with millions more afflicted by ME/CFS worldwide, and the vast majority of individuals with ME/CFS are undiagnosed or misdiagnosed;

Whereas ME/CFS is approximately 4 times more prevalent in women than in men;

Whereas ME/CFS is a chronic disease with no known cure and leaves ¼ of individuals with ME/CFS housebound or bedbound for extended periods of time;

Whereas 50 to 75 percent of individuals with ME/CFS cannot work or attend school;

Whereas medical expenses and lost productivity related to ME/CFS cost the economy of the United States an estimated \$17,000,000,000 to \$24,000,000,000 annually;

Whereas the cause of ME/CFS is unknown, there is no diagnostic test for ME/CFS, and there is no treatment for ME/CFS that is approved by the Food and Drug Administration;

Whereas NAM has noted a “paucity of research” on ME/CFS and that “more research is essential”;

Whereas the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has called ME/CFS “America’s Hidden Health Crisis”;

Whereas individuals with ME/CFS struggle to find doctors to care for them, and ME/CFS is included in less than ⅓ of medical school curricula;

Whereas, in recognition of the dearth of research on ME/CFS and the profound impact that the disease has on individuals with ME/CFS and their loved ones and caretakers, the National Institutes of Health (referred to in this preamble as the “NIH”) is “committed to unraveling the underlying biologic cause(s) of ME/CFS as swiftly as possible, and promoting research that will inform the development of effective strategies for treatment and prevention of this devastating condition”;

Whereas, in 2017, 11 Institutes at the NIH and the Office of the Director of the NIH contributed more than \$7,000,000 in grants to assist in establishing Collaborative Research Centers and a Data Management Coordinating Center to improve the coordination of ME/CFS research and help accelerate understanding of ME/CFS; and

Whereas, in 2019, May 12 is recognized as International ME/CFS Awareness Day: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals of International Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Awareness Day;

(2) recognizes and affirms the commitment of the United States to—

(A) supporting research and medical education for Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome; and

(B) promoting awareness among health professionals and the public about Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome; and

(3) recognizes the continued importance of—

(A) health care professionals and medical researchers who care for individuals with Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome; and

(B) those who work to discover the cause of, and develop and improve diagnosis of, treatments for, and a cure for, Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 226—RECOGNIZING NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THE CHALLENGES OF CHILDREN IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM, AND ENCOURAGING CONGRESS TO IMPLEMENT POLICY TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF CHILDREN IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM**

Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. JONES, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. KING, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. KAINE, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. PETERS, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CASEY, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. BARASSO, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. YOUNG) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 226

Whereas National Foster Care Month was established more than 20 years ago to—

(1) bring foster care issues to the forefront;

(2) highlight the importance of permanency for every child; and

(3) recognize the essential role that foster parents, social workers, and advocates have in the lives of children in foster care throughout the United States;

Whereas all children deserve a safe, loving, and permanent home;

Whereas the primary goal of the foster care system is to ensure the safety and well-being of children while working to provide a safe, loving, and permanent home for each child;

Whereas there are approximately 443,000 children living in foster care;

Whereas there were approximately 269,690 youth that entered the foster care system in 2017, while over 69,000 youth were eligible and awaiting adoption at the end of 2017;

Whereas the number of children living in foster care and entering foster care has increased dramatically in recent years;

Whereas over 96,000 children entered foster care in 2017 due to parental drug abuse;

Whereas children of color are more likely to stay in the foster care system for longer periods of time and are less likely to be reunited with their biological families;

Whereas foster parents are the front-line caregivers for children who cannot safely re-

main with their biological parents and provide physical care, emotional support, education and advocacy, and are the largest single source of families providing permanent homes for children leaving foster care to adoption;

Whereas children in foster care who are placed with relatives, compared to children placed with nonrelatives, have more stability, including fewer changes in placements, have more positive perceptions of their placements, are more likely to be placed with their siblings, and demonstrate fewer behavioral problems;

Whereas some relative caregivers receive less financial assistance and support services than do foster caregivers;

Whereas an increased emphasis on prevention and reunification services is necessary to reduce the number of children that are forced to remain in the foster care system;

Whereas almost 20,000 youth “aged out” of foster care in 2017 without a legal permanent connection to an adult or family;

Whereas children who age out of foster care lack the security and support of a biological or adoptive family and frequently struggle to secure affordable housing, obtain health insurance, pursue higher education, and acquire adequate employment;

Whereas foster care is intended to be a temporary placement, but children remain in the foster care system for an average of 20 months;

Whereas 35 percent of children in foster care experience more than 2 placements while in care, which often leads to disruption of routines and the need to change schools and move away from siblings, extended families, and familiar surroundings;

Whereas youth in foster care are much more likely to face educational instability with 34 percent of foster youth experiencing 5 or more school changes by the age of 18;

Whereas children entering foster care often confront the widespread misperception that children in foster care are disruptive, unruly, and dangerous, even though placement in foster care is based on the actions of a parent or guardian, not the child;

Whereas 30 percent of children in foster care are taking at least 1 anti-psychotic medication, and 34 percent of these children are not receiving adequate treatment planning or medication monitoring;

Whereas, due to heavy caseloads and limited resources, the average turnover rate for a child welfare worker is 30 percent;

Whereas States, localities, and communities should be encouraged to invest resources in preventative and reunification services and postpermanency programs to ensure that more children in foster care are provided with safe, loving, and permanent placements;

Whereas, in 2018, Congress passed the Family First Prevention Services Act, which provided new investments in prevention and family reunification services to help more families stay together and ensure more children are in safe, loving, and permanent homes;

Whereas Federal legislation over the past 3 decades, including the Adoption Assistance and Child Welfare Act of 1980 (Public Law 96-272), the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997 (Public Law 105-89), the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-351), the Child and Family Services Improvement and Innovation Act (Public Law 112-34), and the Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act (Public Law 113-183) provided new investments and services to improve the outcomes of children in the foster care system;

Whereas May 2019 is an appropriate month to designate as National Foster Care Month

to provide an opportunity to acknowledge the accomplishments of the child-welfare workforce, foster parents, advocacy community, and mentors for their dedication, accomplishments, and positive impact they have on the lives of children; and

Whereas much remains to be done to ensure that all children have a safe, loving, nurturing, and permanent family, regardless of age or special needs: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) supports the designation of National Foster Care Month;

(2) recognizes National Foster Care Month as an opportunity to raise awareness about the challenges that children face in the foster care system;

(3) encourages Congress to implement policy to improve the lives of children in the foster care system;

(4) acknowledges the unique needs of children in the foster care system;

(5) recognizes foster youth throughout the United States for their ongoing tenacity, courage, and resilience while facing life challenges;

(6) acknowledges the exceptional alumni of the foster care system who serve as advocates and role models for youth who remain in care;

(7) honors the commitment and dedication of the individuals who work tirelessly to provide assistance and services to children in the foster care system;

(8) supports the designation of May 31, 2019, as National Foster Parent Appreciation Day;

(9) recognizes National Foster Parent Appreciation Day as an opportunity to recognize the efforts of foster parents to provide safe and loving care for children in need and raise awareness about the increasing need for foster parents to serve in their communities; and

(10) reaffirms the need to continue working to improve the outcomes of all children in the foster care system through parts B and E of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) and other programs designed to—

(A) support vulnerable families;

(B) invest in prevention and reunification services;

(C) promote adoption in cases where reunification is not in the best interests of the child;

(D) adequately serve those children brought into the foster care system; and

(E) facilitate the successful transition into adulthood for children that “age out” of the foster care system.

**AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED**

SA 250. Mr. McCONNELL (for Mr. SHELBY (for himself and Mr. LEAHY)) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2157, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes.

**AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED**

SA 250. Mr. McCONNELL (for Mr. SHELBY (for himself and Mr. LEAHY)) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2157, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes.

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

The following sums in this Act are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury

not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes, namely:

#### TITLE I

#### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS PROCESSING, RESEARCH AND MARKETING OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

For an additional amount for the “Office of the Secretary”, \$3,005,442,000, which shall remain available until December 31, 2020, for necessary expenses related to losses of crops (including milk, on-farm stored commodities, crops prevented from planting in 2019, and harvested adulterated wine grapes), trees, bushes, and vines, as a consequence of Hurricanes Michael and Florence, other hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, typhoons, volcanic activity, snowstorms, and wildfires occurring in calendar years 2018 and 2019 under such terms and conditions as determined by the Secretary: *Provided*, That the Secretary may provide assistance for such losses in the form of block grants to eligible states and territories and such assistance may include compensation to producers, as determined by the Secretary, for forest restoration and poultry and livestock losses: *Provided further*, That of the amounts provided under this heading, tree assistance payments may be made under section 1501(e) of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C. 9081(e)) to eligible orchardists or nursery tree growers (as defined in such section) of pecan trees with a tree mortality rate that exceeds 7.5 percent (adjusted for normal mortality) and is less than 15 percent (adjusted for normal mortality), to be available until expended, for losses incurred during the period beginning January 1, 2018, and ending December 31, 2018: *Provided further*, That in the case of producers impacted by volcanic activity that resulted in the loss of crop land, or access to crop land, the Secretary shall consider all measures available, as appropriate, to bring replacement land into production: *Provided further*, That of the amounts provided under this heading, not more than \$7,000,000 shall be available to make payments to agricultural producers whose Whole Farm Revenue Protection indemnity payments were reduced following 2018 crop year losses due to assistance received through state-legislated agriculture disaster assistance programs: *Provided further*, That the total amount of payments received under this heading and applicable policies of crop insurance under the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.) or the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) under section 196 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 7333) shall not exceed 90 percent of the loss as determined by the Secretary: *Provided further*, That the total amount of payments received under this heading for producers who did not obtain a policy or plan of insurance for an insurable commodity for the applicable crop year under the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.) for the crop incurring the losses or did not file the required paperwork and pay the service fee by the applicable State filing deadline for a noninsurable commodity for the applicable crop year under NAP for the crop incurring the losses shall not exceed 70 percent of the loss as determined by the Secretary: *Provided further*, That in the case of a crop under this heading for which the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation offers a revenue insurance policy under section 508 of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 1508), the Secretary shall use the greater of the projected price or the harvest price for such crop to determine the expected value of such crop: *Provided further*, That producers receiving payments under

this heading, as determined by the Secretary, shall be required to purchase crop insurance where crop insurance is available for the next two available crop years, excluding tree insurance policies, and producers receiving payments under this heading shall be required to purchase coverage under NAP where crop insurance is not available in the next two available crop years, as determined by the Secretary: *Provided further*, That, not later than 120 days after the end of fiscal year 2019, the Secretary shall submit a report to the Congress specifying the type, amount, and method of such assistance by state and territory: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

#### FARM SERVICE AGENCY

##### EMERGENCY FOREST RESTORATION PROGRAM

For an additional amount for the “Emergency Forest Restoration Program”, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Michael and Florence and wildfires occurring in calendar year 2018, tornadoes and floods occurring in calendar year 2019, and other natural disasters, \$480,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

##### EMERGENCY CONSERVATION PROGRAM

For an additional amount for the “Emergency Conservation Program”, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Michael and Florence and wildfires occurring in calendar year 2018, tornadoes and floods occurring in calendar year 2019, and other natural disasters, \$558,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

#### NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

##### WATERSHED AND FLOOD PREVENTION OPERATIONS

For an additional amount for “Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations”, for necessary expenses for the Emergency Watershed Protection Program related to the consequences of Hurricanes Michael and Florence and wildfires occurring in calendar year 2018, tornadoes and floods occurring in calendar year 2019, and other natural disasters, \$435,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

#### RURAL DEVELOPMENT

##### RURAL COMMUNITY FACILITIES PROGRAM ACCOUNT

For an additional amount for the cost of grants for rural community facilities programs as authorized by section 306 and described in section 381E(d)(1) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Michael and Florence and wildfires occurring in calendar year 2018, tornadoes and floods occurring in calendar year 2019, and other natural disasters, \$150,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That sections 381E-H and 381N of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act are not applicable to the funds made available under this heading: *Provided further*, That such amount is des-

ignated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS—THIS TITLE

SEC. 101. In addition to amounts otherwise made available, out of the funds made available under section 18 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, \$25,200,000 shall be available for the Secretary to provide a grant to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for disaster nutrition assistance in response to the Presidentially declared major disasters and emergencies: *Provided*, That funds made available to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands under this section shall remain available for obligation by the Commonwealth until September 30, 2020: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

SEC. 102. For purposes of administering title I of subdivision 1 of division B of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-123), losses to agricultural producers resulting from hurricanes shall also include losses incurred from Tropical Storm Cindy, losses of peach and blueberry crops in calendar year 2017 due to extreme cold, and blueberry productivity losses in calendar year 2018 due to extreme cold and hurricane damage in calendar year 2017: *Provided*, That the amounts provided by this section are designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985: *Provided further*, That amounts repurposed under this section that were previously designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 are designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

SEC. 103. (a)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), a person or legal entity is not eligible to receive a payment under the Market Facilitation Program established pursuant to the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714 et seq.) if the average adjusted gross income of such person or legal entity is greater than \$900,000.

(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to a person or legal entity if at least 75 percent of the adjusted gross income of such person or legal entity is derived from farming, ranching, or forestry related activities.

(b) In this section, the term “average adjusted gross income” has the meaning given the term defined in section 760.1502 of title 7 Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect July 18, 2018).

(c) The amount provided by this section is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

SEC. 104. In addition to other amounts made available by section 309 of division A of the Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2017 (Public Law 115-72; 131 Stat. 1229), there is appropriated to the Secretary, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, \$600,000,000 to provide a grant to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico for disaster nutrition assistance in response to a major disaster or emergency designated by the President under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.): *Provided*, That the funds made available to the Commonwealth

of Puerto Rico under this section shall remain available for obligation by the Commonwealth until September 30, 2020, and shall be in addition to funds otherwise made available: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 901(b)(2)(A)(i)).

SEC. 105. There is hereby appropriated \$5,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2020, for the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct an independent study, including a survey of participants, to compare the impact of the additional benefits provided by section 309 of Public Law 115-72 to the food insecurity, health status, and well-being of low-income residents in Puerto Rico without such additional benefits: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

SEC. 106. In addition to amounts otherwise made available, out of the funds made available under section 18 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, \$18,000,000 shall be available for the Secretary to provide a grant to American Samoa for disaster nutrition assistance in response to the presidentially declared major disasters and emergencies: *Provided*, That funds made available to the territory under this section shall remain available for obligation by the territory until September 30, 2020: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

SEC. 107. Beginning not later than the 2020 reinsurance year, the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation shall offer coverage under the wholefarm revenue protection insurance policy (or a successor policy or plan of insurance) for hemp (as defined in section 297A of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1639o)): *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

SEC. 108. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any rural community impacted by major declared disaster DR-4407 may have the governor in the affected state, or the governor's designee, certify the area's population as a rural area with respect to eligibility for loans, grants, and technical assistance under rural development programs funded by the Department of Agriculture until data from the 2020 United States Census is available: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

## TITLE II

### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

#### (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

Pursuant to section 703 of the Public Works and Economic Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3233), for an additional amount for "Economic Development Assistance Programs" for necessary expenses related to flood mitigation, disaster relief, long-term recovery, and restoration of infrastructure in areas that received a major disaster designation as a result of Hurricanes Florence, Michael, and Lane, Typhoons Yutu and Mangkhut, and of wildfires, volcanic eruptions,

earthquakes, and other natural disasters occurring in calendar year 2018, and tornadoes and floods occurring in calendar year 2019 under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.), \$600,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985: *Provided further*, That within the amount appropriated, up to 2 percent of funds may be transferred to the "Salaries and Expenses" account for administration and oversight activities: *Provided further*, That within the amount appropriated, \$1,000,000 shall be transferred to the "Office of Inspector General" account for carrying out investigations and audits related to the funding provided under this heading.

#### NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

#### OPERATIONS, RESEARCH, AND FACILITIES

For an additional amount for "Operations, Research, and Facilities" for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Florence and Michael, Typhoon Yutu, and of wildfires, \$120,570,000, to remain available until September 30, 2020, as follows:

- (1) \$3,000,000 for repair and replacement of observing assets, real property, and equipment;
- (2) \$11,000,000 for marine debris assessment and removal;
- (3) \$31,570,000 for mapping, charting, and geodesy services;
- (4) \$25,000,000 to improve: (a) hurricane intensity forecasting, including through deployment of unmanned ocean observing platforms and enhanced data assimilation; (b) flood prediction, forecasting, and mitigation capabilities; and (c) wildfire prediction, detection, and forecasting; and

(5) \$50,000,000 for Title IX Fund grants as authorized under section 906(c) of division O of Public Law 114-113:

*Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985: *Provided further*, That the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration shall submit a spending plan to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate for funding provided under subsection (4) of this heading within 45 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

#### PROCUREMENT, ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION

For an additional amount for "Procurement, Acquisition and Construction", \$25,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2021, for improvements to operational and research weather supercomputing infrastructure and satellite ground services used for hurricane intensity and track prediction; flood prediction, forecasting, and mitigation; and wildfire prediction, detection, and forecasting: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985: *Provided further*, That the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration shall submit a spending plan to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate within 45 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

#### FISHERY DISASTER ASSISTANCE

For an additional amount for "Fishery Disaster Assistance" for necessary expenses associated with the mitigation of fishery disasters, \$150,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That funds shall be used

for mitigating the effects of commercial fishery failures and fishery resource disasters declared by the Secretary of Commerce, including those declared by the Secretary to be a direct result of Hurricanes Florence and Michael and Typhoons Yutu and Mangkhut: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#### UNITED STATES MARSHALS SERVICE

#### SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For an additional amount for "Salaries and Expenses" for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Florence and Michael and Typhoon Yutu, \$1,336,000: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

#### FEDERAL PRISON SYSTEM

#### BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

For an additional amount for "Buildings and Facilities" for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Florence and Michael and Typhoon Yutu, \$28,400,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

#### RELATED AGENCIES

#### LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

#### PAYMENT TO THE LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

For an additional amount for "Payment to the Legal Services Corporation" to carry out the purposes of the Legal Services Corporation Act by providing for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Florence, Michael, and Lane, Typhoons Yutu and Mangkhut, calendar year 2018 wildfires, volcanic eruptions, and earthquakes, and calendar year 2019 tornadoes and floods, \$15,000,000: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985: *Provided further*, That none of the funds appropriated in this Act to the Legal Services Corporation shall be expended for any purpose prohibited or limited by, or contrary to any of the provisions of, sections 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, and 506 of Public Law 105-119, and all funds appropriated in this Act to the Legal Services Corporation shall be subject to the same terms and conditions set forth in such sections, except that all references in sections 502 and 503 to 1997 and 1998 shall be deemed to refer instead to 2018 and 2019, respectively, and except that sections 501 and 503 of Public Law 104-134 (referenced by Public Law 105-119) shall not apply to the amount made available under this heading: *Provided further*, That, for the purposes of this Act, the Legal Services Corporation shall be considered an agency of the United States Government.

## TITLE III

### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

#### OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, MARINE CORPS

For an additional amount for "Operation and Maintenance, Marine Corps", \$381,000,000, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Michael and Florence: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

## OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE

For an additional amount for “Operation and Maintenance, Air Force”, \$670,000,000, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Michael and Florence and floods occurring in calendar year 2019: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

## GENERAL PROVISION—THIS TITLE

SEC. 301. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, funds made available under each heading in this title shall only be used for the purposes specifically described under that heading.

## TITLE IV

## CORPS OF ENGINEERS—CIVIL

## DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

## INVESTIGATIONS

For an additional amount for “Investigations” for necessary expenses related to the completion, or initiation and completion, of flood and storm damage reduction, including shore protection, studies which are currently authorized or which are authorized after the date of enactment of this Act, to reduce risk from future floods and hurricanes, at full Federal expense, \$35,000,000, to remain available until expended, for high priority studies of projects in States and insular areas that were impacted by Hurricanes Florence and Michael, Typhoon Mangkhut, Super Typhoon Yutu, and Tropical Storm Gita: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985: *Provided further*, That the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works shall provide a monthly report directly to the Committees on Appropriations of the House and the Senate detailing the allocation and obligation of these funds, including new studies selected to be initiated using funds provided under this heading, beginning not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

## CONSTRUCTION

For an additional amount for “Construction” for necessary expenses, \$740,000,000, to remain available until expended, to construct flood and storm damage reduction, including shore protection, projects which are currently authorized or which are authorized after the date of enactment of this Act, and flood and storm damage reduction, including shore protection, projects which have signed Chief’s Reports as of the date of enactment of this Act or which are studied using funds provided under the heading “Investigations” if the Secretary determines such projects to be technically feasible, economically justified, and environmentally acceptable, in States and insular areas that were impacted by Hurricanes Florence and Michael, Typhoon Mangkhut, Super Typhoon Yutu, and Tropical Storm Gita: *Provided*, That projects receiving funds provided under the first proviso in “Title IV—Corps of Engineers—Civil—Department of the Army—Construction” in Public Law 115–123 shall not be eligible for funding provided under this heading: *Provided further*, That for projects receiving funds provided under this heading, the provisions of Section 902 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 shall not apply to these funds: *Provided further*, That the completion of ongoing construction projects receiving funds provided under this heading shall be at full Federal expense with respect to such funds: *Provided further*, That using funds provided under this heading, the non-Federal cash contribution for projects other

than ongoing construction projects shall be financed in accordance with the provisions of section 103(k) of Public Law 99–662 over a period of 30 years from the date of completion of the project or separable element: *Provided further*, That up to \$25,000,000 of the funds made available under this heading shall be used for continuing authorities projects to reduce the risk of flooding and storm damage: *Provided further*, That any projects using funds appropriated under this heading shall be initiated only after non-Federal interests have entered into binding agreements with the Secretary requiring, where applicable, the non-Federal interests to pay 100 percent of the operation, maintenance, repair, replacement, and rehabilitation costs of the project and to hold and save the United States free from damages due to the construction or operation and maintenance of the project, except for damages due to the fault or negligence of the United States or its contractors: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985: *Provided further*, That the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works shall provide a monthly report directly to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate detailing the allocation and obligation of these funds, beginning not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

## MISSISSIPPI RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES

For an additional amount for “Mississippi River and Tributaries” for necessary expenses to address emergency situations at Corps of Engineers projects and rehabilitate and repair damages to Corps of Engineers projects, caused by natural disasters, \$575,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985: *Provided further*, That the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works shall provide a monthly report directly to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate detailing the allocation and obligation of these funds, beginning not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

## OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

For an additional amount for “Operation and Maintenance” for necessary expenses to dredge Federal navigation projects in response to, and repair damages to Corps of Engineers Federal projects caused by, natural disasters, \$908,000,000, to remain available until expended, of which such sums as are necessary to cover the Federal share of eligible operation and maintenance costs for coastal harbors and channels, and for inland harbors shall be derived from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985: *Provided further*, That the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works shall provide a monthly report directly to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate detailing the allocation and obligation of these funds, beginning not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

## FLOOD CONTROL AND COASTAL EMERGENCIES

For an additional amount for “Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies”, as authorized by section 5 of the Act of August 18, 1941 (33 U.S.C. 701n), for necessary expenses to pre-

pare for flood, hurricane and other natural disasters and support emergency operations, repairs, and other activities in response to such disasters, as authorized by law, \$1,000,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That funding utilized for authorized shore protection projects shall restore such projects to the full project profile at full Federal expense: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985: *Provided further*, That the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works shall provide a monthly report to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate detailing the allocation and obligation of these funds, beginning not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

## CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT

## CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT COMPLETION ACCOUNT

For an additional amount for “Central Utah Project Completion Account”, \$350,000, to be deposited into the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Account for use by the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission, to remain available until expended, for expenses necessary in carrying out fire remediation activities related to wildfires in 2018: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

## BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

## WATER AND RELATED RESOURCES

For an additional amount for “Water and Related Resources”, \$15,500,000, to remain available until expended, for fire remediation and suppression emergency assistance related to wildfires in 2017 and 2018: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

## TITLE V

## GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

## REAL PROPERTY ACTIVITIES

## FEDERAL BUILDINGS FUND

For an additional amount, to be deposited in the Federal Buildings Fund, \$91,200,000, to remain available until expended, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Florence for repair and alteration of buildings under the custody and control of the Administrator of General Services, and real property management and related activities not otherwise provided for: *Provided*, That such amount may be used to reimburse the Fund for obligations incurred for this purpose prior to the date of the enactment of this Act: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

## TITLE VI

## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

## SECURITY, ENFORCEMENT, AND INVESTIGATIONS

## COAST GUARD

## OPERATIONS AND SUPPORT

For an additional amount for “Operations and Support” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Michael, Florence, and Lane, Tropical Storm Gordon, and Typhoon Mangkhut, \$48,977,000; of which

\$46,977,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2020, and of which \$2,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2023, for environmental compliance and restoration: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

#### PROCUREMENT, CONSTRUCTION, AND IMPROVEMENTS

For an additional amount for “Procurement, Construction, and Improvements” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Michael, Florence, and Lane, Tropical Storm Gordon, and Typhoon Mangkhut, \$476,755,000, to remain available until September 30, 2023: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS—THIS TITLE

SEC. 601. In implementing section 20601 of Public Law 115–123, the Administrator shall include the costs associated with addressing pre-disaster condition, undamaged components, codes and standards, and industry standards in the cost of repair when calculating the percentage in section 206.226(f) of title 44, Code of Federal Regulations: *Provided*, That amounts repurposed under this section that were previously designated by the Congress, respectively, as an emergency requirement or as being for disaster relief pursuant to the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act are designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 or as being for disaster relief pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(D) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

SEC. 602. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, funds made available under each heading in this title shall only be used for the purposes specifically described under that heading.

#### TITLE VII

##### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

##### UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE CONSTRUCTION

For an additional amount for “Construction” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Florence, Lane, and Michael, and flooding associated with major declared disaster DR-4365, and calendar year 2018 earthquakes, \$82,400,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That of this amount \$50,000,000 shall be used to restore and rebuild national wildlife refuges and increase the resiliency and capacity of coastal habitat and infrastructure to withstand storms and reduce the amount of damage caused by such storms: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

##### NATIONAL PARK SERVICE HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND

For an additional amount for the “Historic Preservation Fund” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Florence and Michael, and Typhoon Yutu, \$50,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2022, including costs to States and territories necessary to complete compliance activities required by section 306108 of title 54, United States Code (formerly section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act) and costs needed to administer the program:

*Provided*, That grants shall only be available for areas that have received a major disaster declaration pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.): *Provided further*, That individual grants shall not be subject to a non-Federal matching requirement: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

#### CONSTRUCTION

For an additional amount for “Construction” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Florence and Michael, Typhoons Yutu and Mangkhut, and calendar year 2018 wildfires, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions, \$78,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

##### UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY SURVEYS, INVESTIGATIONS, AND RESEARCH

For an additional amount for “Surveys, Investigations, and Research” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Florence and Michael, and calendar year 2018 wildfires, earthquake damage associated with emergency declaration EM-3410, and in those areas impacted by a major disaster declared pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.) with respect to calendar year 2018 wildfires or volcanic eruptions, \$98,500,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That of this amount, \$72,310,000 is for costs related to the repair and replacement of equipment and facilities damaged by disasters in 2018: *Provided further*, That, not later than 90 days after enactment of this Act, the Survey shall submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations that describes the potential options to replace the facility damaged by the 2018 volcano disaster along with cost estimates and a description of how the Survey will provide direct access for monitoring volcanic activity and the potential threat to at-risk communities: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

##### DEPARTMENTAL OFFICES

##### INSULAR AFFAIRS ASSISTANCE TO TERRITORIES

For an additional amount for “Technical Assistance” for financial management expenses related to the consequences of Typhoon Yutu, \$2,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

##### OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For an additional amount for “Salaries and Expenses” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of major disasters declared pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.) in 2018, \$1,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

##### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

For an additional amount for “Science and Technology” for necessary expenses related to improving preparedness of the water sector, \$600,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

##### LEAKING UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK TRUST FUND PROGRAM

For an additional amount for “Leaking Underground Storage Tank Fund” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Florence and Michael, calendar year 2018 earthquakes, and Typhoon Yutu, \$1,500,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

##### STATE AND TRIBAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

For additional amounts for “State and Tribal Assistance Grants” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Florence and Michael and calendar year 2018 earthquakes for the hazardous waste financial assistance grants program, \$1,500,000, to remain available until expended; for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Typhoon Yutu for the hazardous waste financial assistance grants program and for other solid waste management activities, \$56,000,000, to remain available until expended, provided that none of these funds shall be subject to section 3011(b) of the Solid Waste Disposal Act; and for grants under section 106 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, \$5,000,000, to remain available until expended, to address impacts of Hurricane Florence, Hurricane Michael, Typhoon Yutu, and calendar year 2018 wildfires, notwithstanding subsections (b), (e), and (f), of such section: *Provided*, That such amounts are designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

For an additional amount for “State and Tribal Assistance Grants”, \$349,400,000 to remain available until expended, of which \$53,300,000 shall be for capitalization grants for the Clean Water State Revolving Funds under title VI of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, and of which \$296,100,000 shall be for capitalization grants under section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act: *Provided*, That notwithstanding section 604(a) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and section 1452(a)(1)(D) of the Safe Drinking Water Act, funds appropriated herein shall be provided to States or Territories in EPA Regions 4, 9, and 10 in amounts determined by the Administrator for wastewater treatment works and drinking water facilities impacted by Hurricanes Florence and Michael, Typhoon Yutu, and calendar year 2018 wildfires and earthquakes: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding the requirements of section 603(i) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and section 1452(d) of the Safe Drinking Water Act, for the funds appropriated herein, each State shall use not less than 20 percent but not more than 30 percent of the amount of its capitalization grants to provide additional subsidization to eligible recipients in the form of forgiveness of principal, negative interest loans or grants or any combination of these: *Provided further*, That the Administrator shall retain \$10,400,000 of the funds appropriated herein for grants for drinking water facilities and waste water treatment plants impacted by



Typhoon Yutu: *Provided further*, That the funds appropriated herein shall be used for eligible projects whose purpose is to reduce flood or fire damage risk and vulnerability or to enhance resiliency to rapid hydrologic change or natural disaster at treatment works as defined by section 212 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act or any eligible facilities under section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, and for other eligible tasks at such treatment works or facilities necessary to further such purposes: *Provided further*, That the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency may retain up to \$1,000,000 of the funds appropriated herein for management and oversight: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

## RELATED AGENCIES

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

## FOREST SERVICE

## FOREST AND RANGELAND RESEARCH

For an additional amount for “Forest and Rangeland Research” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Florence and Michael, and the calendar year 2018 wildfires, \$1,000,000, to remain available until expended for the forest inventory and analysis program: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

## STATE AND PRIVATE FORESTRY

For an additional amount for “State and Private Forestry” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Florence and Michael, and the calendar year 2018 wildfires, \$12,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

## NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM

For an additional amount for “National Forest System” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Florence and Michael, and the calendar year 2018 wildfires, \$84,960,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That of this amount \$21,000,000 shall be used for hazardous fuels management activities: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE

For an additional amount for “Capital Improvement and Maintenance” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Florence and Michael, and the calendar year 2018 wildfires, \$36,040,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

## WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT

## (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For an additional amount for “Wildland Fire Management”, \$720,271,000, to remain available through September 30, 2022, for urgent wildland fire suppression operations: *Provided*, That such funds shall be solely available to be transferred to and merged with other appropriations accounts from which funds were previously transferred for

wildland fire suppression in fiscal year 2018 to fully repay those amounts: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

## NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

## NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCES

For an additional amount for “National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences” for necessary expenses in carrying out activities set forth in section 311(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9606(a)) and section 126(g) of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 related to the consequences of major disasters declared pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.) in 2018, \$1,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

## GENERAL PROVISION—THIS TITLE

SEC. 701. Not later than 45 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the agencies receiving funds appropriated by this title shall provide a detailed operating plan of anticipated uses of funds made available in this title by State and Territory, and by program, project, and activity, to the Committees on Appropriations: *Provided*, That no such funds shall be obligated before the operating plans are provided to the Committees: *Provided further*, That such plans shall be updated, including obligations to date, and submitted to the Committees on Appropriations every 60 days until all such funds are expended.

## TITLE VIII

## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

## EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION

## TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

## (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For an additional amount for “Training and Employment Services”, \$50,000,000, for the dislocated workers assistance national reserve for necessary expenses directly related to the consequences of Hurricanes Florence and Michael, Typhoon Mangkhut, Super Typhoon Yutu, wildfires and earthquakes occurring in calendar year 2018, and tornadoes and floods occurring in calendar year 2019 (referred to under this heading as “covered disaster or emergency”), to remain available through September 30, 2020: *Provided*, That the Secretary of Labor may transfer up to \$1,000,000 of such funds to any other Department of Labor account for reconstruction and recovery needs, including worker protection activities: *Provided further*, That these sums may be used to replace grant funds previously obligated to the impacted areas: *Provided further*, That of the amount provided, up to \$500,000, to remain available until expended, shall be transferred to “Office of Inspector General” for oversight of activities responding to such covered disaster or emergency: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

## ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

## PAYMENTS TO STATES FOR THE CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

For an additional amount for “Payments to States for the Child Care and Development Block Grant”, \$30,000,000, to remain available through September 30, 2021, for necessary expenses directly related to the consequences of Hurricanes Florence and Michael, Typhoon Mangkhut, Super Typhoon Yutu, and wildfires and earthquakes occurring in calendar year 2018 and tornadoes and floods occurring in calendar year 2019 in those areas for which a major disaster or emergency has been declared under section 401 or 501 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170 and 5191): *Provided*, That the Secretary shall allocate such funds based on assessed need notwithstanding sections 658J and 658O of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990: *Provided further*, That such funds may be used for costs of renovating, repairing, or rebuilding child care facilities without regard to section 658F(b) or 658G of such Act and with amounts allocated for such purposes excluded from the calculation of percentages under subsection 658E(c)(3) of such Act: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding section 658J(c) of such Act, funds allotted to a State and used for renovating, repairing, or rebuilding child care facilities may be obligated by the State in that fiscal year or the succeeding three fiscal years: *Provided further*, That Federal interest provisions will not apply to the renovation or rebuilding of privately-owned family child care homes, and the Secretary shall develop parameters on the use of funds for family child care homes: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall not retain Federal interest after a period of 10 years in any facility renovated, repaired, or rebuilt with funds appropriated under this paragraph: *Provided further*, That funds appropriated in this paragraph shall not be available for costs that are reimbursed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, under a contract for insurance, or by self-insurance: *Provided further*, That obligations incurred for the purposes provided herein prior to the date of enactment of this Act may be charged to funds appropriated under this heading: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

## CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SERVICES PROGRAMS

For an additional amount for “Children and Families Services Programs”, \$90,000,000, to remain available through September 30, 2021, for necessary expenses directly related to the consequences of Hurricanes Florence and Michael, Typhoon Mangkhut, Super Typhoon Yutu, and wildfires and earthquakes occurring in calendar year 2018 and tornadoes and floods occurring in calendar year 2019 in those areas for which a major disaster or emergency has been declared under section 401 or 501 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170 and 5191): *Provided*, That \$55,000,000 shall be for Head Start programs, including making payments under the Head Start Act: *Provided further*, That none of funds provided in the previous proviso shall be included in the calculation of the “base grant” in subsequent fiscal years, as such term is defined in sections 640(a)(7)(A), 641A(h)(1)(B), or 645(d)(3) of the Head Start Act: *Provided further*, That funds provided in the second previous proviso are not subject to the allocation requirements of section

640(a) of the Head Start Act: *Provided further*, That \$5,000,000 shall be for payments to States, territories, and tribes for activities authorized under subpart 1 of part B of title IV of the Social Security Act, with such funds allocated based on assessed need notwithstanding section 423 of such Act and paid without regard to percentage limitations in subsections (a) or (e) in section 424 of such Act: *Provided further*, That \$25,000,000 shall be for payments to States, territories, and tribes authorized under the Community Services Block Grant Act, with such funds allocated based on assessed need notwithstanding sections 674(b), 675A, and 675B of such Act: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding section 676(b)(8) of the Community Services Block Grant Act, each State, territory, or tribe may allocate funds to eligible entities based on assessed need: *Provided further*, That funds appropriated in this paragraph shall not be available for costs that are reimbursed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, under a contract for insurance, or by self-insurance: *Provided further*, That up to \$5,000,000, to remain available until expended, shall be available for Federal administrative expenses: *Provided further*, That obligations incurred for the purposes provided herein prior to the date of enactment of this Act may be charged to funds appropriated under this heading: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

#### OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

#### PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES EMERGENCY FUND

##### (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

For an additional amount for the “Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund”, \$201,000,000, to remain available through September 30, 2020, for necessary expenses directly related to the consequences of Hurricanes Florence and Michael, Typhoon Mangkhut, Super Typhoon Yutu, and wildfires and earthquakes occurring in calendar year 2018 and tornadoes and floods occurring in calendar year 2019 in those areas for which a major disaster or emergency has been declared under section 401 or 501 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170 and 5191) (referred to under this heading as “covered disaster or emergency”), including activities authorized under section 319(a) of the Public Health Service Act (referred to in this Act as the “PHS Act”): *Provided*, That of the amount provided, \$80,000,000 shall be transferred to “Health Resources and Services Administration—Primary Health Care” for expenses directly related to a covered disaster or emergency for disaster response and recovery, for the Health Centers Program under section 330 of the PHS Act, including alteration, renovation, construction, equipment, and other capital improvement costs as necessary to meet the needs of areas affected by a covered disaster or emergency: *Provided further*, That the time limitation in section 330(e)(3) of the PHS Act shall not apply to funds made available under the preceding proviso: *Provided further*, That of the amount provided, not less than \$20,000,000 shall be transferred to “Centers for Disease Control and Prevention—CDC-Wide Activities and Program Support” for response, recovery, mitigation, and other expenses directly related to a covered disaster or emergency: *Provided further*, That of the amount provided, not less than \$100,000,000 shall be transferred to “Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration—Health Surveillance and Program Support” for grants, contracts, and cooperative agree-

ments for behavioral health treatment, treatment of substance use disorders, crisis counseling, and other related helplines, and for other similar programs to provide support to individuals impacted by a covered disaster or emergency: *Provided further*, That of the amount provided, up to \$1,000,000, to remain available until expended, shall be transferred to “Office of the Secretary—Office of Inspector General” for oversight of activities responding to such covered disasters or emergencies: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

#### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

#### HURRICANE EDUCATION RECOVERY

##### (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For an additional amount for “Hurricane Education Recovery” for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Florence and Michael, Typhoon Mangkhut, Super Typhoon Yutu, and wildfires, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions occurring in calendar year 2018 and tornadoes and floods occurring in calendar year 2019 in those areas for which a major disaster or emergency has been declared under section 401 or 501 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170 and 5191) (referred to under this heading as “covered disaster or emergency”), \$165,000,000, to remain available through September 30, 2020, for assisting in meeting the educational needs of individuals affected by a covered disaster or emergency: *Provided*, That such assistance may be provided through any of the programs authorized under this heading in title VIII of subdivision 1 of division B of Public Law 115-123 (as amended by Public Law 115-141), as determined by the Secretary of Education, and subject to the terms and conditions that applied to those programs, except that references to dates and school years in Public Law 115-123 shall be deemed to be the corresponding dates and school years for the covered disaster or emergency: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of Education may determine the amounts to be used for each such program and shall notify the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate of these amounts not later than 7 days prior to obligation: *Provided further*, That \$2,000,000 of the funds made available under this heading, to remain available until expended, shall be transferred to the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Education for oversight of activities supported with funds appropriated under this heading, and up to \$1,000,000 of the funds made available under this heading shall be for program administration: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS—THIS TITLE

SEC. 801. Not later than 30 days after enactment of this Act, the Secretaries of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education shall provide a detailed spend plan of anticipated uses of funds made available in this title, including estimated personnel and administrative costs, to the Committees on Appropriations: *Provided*, That such plans shall be updated and submitted to the Committees on Appropriations every 60 days until all funds are expended or expire.

SEC. 802. (a) Section 1108(g)(5) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1308(g)(5)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and (E)” and inserting “(E), and (F)”;

(2) in subparagraph (C), in the matter preceding clause (i), by striking “and (E)” and inserting “and (F)”;

(3) by redesignating subparagraph (E) as subparagraph (F);

(4) by inserting after subparagraph (D), the following:

“(E) Subject to subparagraph (F), for the period beginning January 1, 2019, and ending September 30, 2019, the amount of the increase otherwise provided under subparagraph (A) for the Northern Mariana Islands shall be further increased by \$36,000,000.”; and

(5) in subparagraph (F) (as redesignated by paragraph (3) of this section)—

(A) by striking “title XIX, during” and inserting “title XIX—

“(i) during”;

(B) by striking “and (D)” and inserting “(D), and (E)”;

(C) by striking “and the Virgin Islands” each place it appears and inserting “, the Virgin Islands, and the Northern Mariana Islands”;

(D) by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”;

(E) by adding at the end the following:

“(ii) for the period beginning January 1, 2019, and ending September 30, 2019, with respect to payments to Guam and American Samoa from the additional funds provided under subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall increase the Federal medical assistance percentage or other rate that would otherwise apply to such payments to 100 percent.”; and

(6) by adding at the end the following:

“(G) Not later than September 30, 2019, Guam and American Samoa shall each submit a plan to the Secretary outlining the steps each such territory shall take to collect and report reliable data to the Transformed Medicaid Statistical Information System (T-MSIS) (or a successor system).”.

(b) The amounts provided by the amendments made by subsection (a) are designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

#### TITLE IX

#### LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

#### GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

##### SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For an additional amount for “Salaries and Expenses”, \$10,000,000, to remain available until expended, for audits and investigations related to Hurricanes Florence, Lane, and Michael, Typhoons Yutu and Mangkhut, the calendar year 2018 wildfires, earthquakes, and volcano eruptions, and other disasters declared pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.): *Provided*, That, not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Government Accountability Office shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate a spend plan specifying funding estimates for audits and investigations of any such declared disasters occurring in 2018 and identifying funding estimates or carryover balances, if any, that may be available for audits and investigations of any other such declared disasters: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

#### TITLE X

#### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

#### MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

For an additional amount for “Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps”,

\$600,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2023, for planning and design, and construction expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Florence and Michael on Navy and Marine Corps installations: *Provided*, That none of the funds shall be available for obligation until the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate receive a master plan for the installations: *Provided further*, That, not later than 60 days after enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Navy, or his designee, shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate a detailed expenditure plan for funds provided under this heading: *Provided further*, That such funds may be obligated or expended for planning and design and military construction projects not otherwise authorized by law: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

#### MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE

For an additional amount for “Military Construction, Air Force”, \$1,000,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2023, for planning and design, and construction expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Michael and floods occurring in calendar year 2019: *Provided*, That none of the funds shall be available for obligation until the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate receive a basing plan and future mission requirements for installations significantly damaged by Hurricane Michael: *Provided further*, That, not later than 60 days after enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Air Force, or his designee, shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate a detailed expenditure plan for funds provided under this heading: *Provided further*, That such funds may be obligated or expended for planning and design and military construction projects not otherwise authorized by law: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

#### MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

For an additional amount for “Military Construction, Army National Guard”, \$42,400,000, to remain available until September 30, 2023, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Florence and Michael: *Provided*, That none of the funds shall be available for obligation until the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate receive form 1391 for each specific request: *Provided further*, That, not later than 60 days after enactment of this Act, the Director of the Army National Guard, or his designee, shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate a detailed expenditure plan for funds provided under this heading: *Provided further*, That such funds may be obligated or expended for planning and design and military construction projects not otherwise authorized by law: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

#### DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION MEDICAL FACILITIES (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For an additional amount for “Medical Facilities”, \$3,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2023, for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricanes Florence and Michael and Typhoons Mangkhut and Yutu: *Provided*, That the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, upon determination that such action is necessary to address needs as a result of the consequences of Hurricanes Florence and Michael and Typhoons Mangkhut and Yutu, may transfer such funds to any discretionary account of the Department of Veterans Affairs: *Provided further*, That before a transfer may take place, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit notice thereof to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate: *Provided further*, That none of these funds shall be available for obligation until the Secretary of Veterans Affairs submits to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate a detailed expenditure plan for funds provided under this heading: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

#### GENERAL PROVISION—THIS TITLE

SEC. 1001. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, funds made available under each heading within the “Department of Defense” in this title shall only be used for the purposes specifically described under that heading.

#### TITLE XI

#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION EMERGENCY RELIEF PROGRAM

For an additional amount for the “Public Transportation Emergency Relief Program” as authorized under section 5324 of title 49, United States Code, \$10,542,000 to remain available until expended, for transit systems affected by major declared disasters occurring in calendar year 2018: *Provided*, That not more than three-quarters of 1 percent of the funds for public transportation emergency relief shall be available for administrative expenses and ongoing program management oversight as authorized under sections 5334 and 5338(f)(2) of such title and shall be in addition to any other appropriations for such purpose: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

#### FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION OPERATIONS (AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND)

Of the amounts made available for “Federal Aviation Administration—Operations” in division B of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-123), up to \$18,000,000 shall also be available for necessary expenses related to the consequences of major declared disasters occurring in calendar year 2018: *Provided*, That amounts repurposed under this heading that were previously designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 are designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

#### FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION EMERGENCY RELIEF PROGRAM

For an additional amount for the Emergency Relief Program as authorized under section 125 of title 23, United States Code, \$1,650,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

#### DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

#### COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND (INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

For an additional amount for “Community Development Fund”, \$2,431,000,000, to remain available until expended, for necessary expenses for activities authorized under title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.) related to disaster relief, long-term recovery, restoration of infrastructure and housing, economic revitalization, and mitigation in the most impacted and distressed areas resulting from a major disaster that occurred in 2018 or 2019 (except as otherwise provided under this heading) pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.): *Provided*, That funds shall be awarded directly to the State, unit of general local government, or Indian tribe (as such term is defined in section 102 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974) at the discretion of the Secretary: *Provided further*, That of the amounts made available under this heading \$431,000,000 shall be allocated to meet unmet infrastructure needs for grantees that received allocations for disasters that occurred in 2017 under this heading of division B of Public Law 115-56 and title XI of subdivision 1 of division B of Public Law 115-123, of which \$331,442,114 shall be allocated to those grantees affected by Hurricane Maria: *Provided further*, That of the amounts provided in the previous proviso, the Secretary’s determination of unmet needs for infrastructure-specific allocations: *Provided further*, That any amounts allocated pursuant to the previous two provisos to any such grantee shall not be available for draw down and expenditure by a grantee that has entered into alternative procedures under section 428 of the Stafford Act as of the date of enactment of this Act until such grantee has reached a final agreement on all fixed cost estimates within the timeline provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency: *Provided further*, That prior to making any grant of funds provided in the previous three provisos, the Secretary must receive from the grantee information that allows the Secretary to certify that such grantee has in place proficient financial controls and procurement processes and has established adequate procedures to prevent any duplication of benefits as defined by section 312 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5155), to ensure timely expenditure of funds, to maintain comprehensive websites regarding all disaster recovery activities assisted with these funds, and to detect and prevent waste, fraud, and abuse of funds: *Provided further*, That of the amounts made available under this heading in Public Law 115-123 and transferred to the Office of Inspector General, no less than \$6,000,000 shall be for necessary costs of overseeing and auditing funds made available to grantees affected by Hurricane Maria, including a review of grant expenditure rates: *Provided further*, That any funds made available under this heading and under

the same heading in Public Law 115-254 that remain available, after the funds under such headings have been allocated for necessary expenses for activities authorized under such headings, shall be allocated to grantees, for mitigation activities in the most impacted and distressed areas resulting from a major disaster that occurred in 2018: *Provided further*, That such allocations shall be made in the same proportion that the amount of funds each grantee received under this Act and the same heading in division I of Public Law 115-254 bears to the amount of all funds provided to all grantees that received allocations for disasters that occurred in 2018: *Provided further*, That of the amounts made available under the text preceding the first proviso under this heading and under the same heading in Public Law 115-254, the Secretary shall allocate to all such grantees an aggregate amount not less than 33 percent of the sum of such amounts of funds within 120 days after the enactment of this Act based on the best available data, and shall allocate no less than 100 percent of such funds by no later than 180 days after the enactment of this Act: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall not prohibit the use of funds made available under this heading and the same heading in Public Law 115-254 for non-Federal share as authorized by section 105(a)(9) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(9)): *Provided further*, That of the amounts made available under this heading, grantees may establish grant programs to assist small businesses for working capital purposes to aid in recovery: *Provided further*, That as a condition of making any grant, the Secretary shall certify in advance that such grantee has in place proficient financial controls and procurement processes and has established adequate procedures to prevent any duplication of benefits as defined by section 312 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5155), to ensure timely expenditure of funds, to maintain comprehensive websites regarding all disaster recovery activities assisted with these funds, and to detect and prevent waste, fraud, and abuse of funds: *Provided further*, That with respect to any such duplication of benefits, the Secretary shall act in accordance with section 1210 of Public Law 115-254 (132 Stat. 3442) and section 312 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5155): *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall require grantees to maintain on a public website information containing common reporting criteria established by the Department that permits individuals and entities awaiting assistance and the general public to see how all grant funds are used, including copies of all relevant procurement documents, grantee administrative contracts and details of ongoing procurement processes, as determined by the Secretary: *Provided further*, That prior to the obligation of funds a grantee shall submit a plan to the Secretary for approval detailing the proposed use of all funds, including criteria for eligibility and how the use of these funds will address long-term recovery and restoration of infrastructure and housing, economic revitalization, and mitigation in the most impacted and distressed areas: *Provided further*, That such funds may not be used for activities reimbursed by, or for which funds have been made available by, the Federal Emergency Management Agency or the Army Corps of Engineers, in excess of the authorized amount of the project or its components: *Provided further*, That funds allocated under this heading shall not be considered relevant to the non-disaster formula allocations made pursuant to section 106 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5306): *Provided further*,

That a State, unit of general local government, or Indian tribe may use up to 5 percent of its allocation for administrative costs: *Provided further*, That the first proviso under this heading in the Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2018 (division I of Public Law 115-254) is amended by striking “State or unit of general local government” and inserting “State, unit of general local government, or Indian tribe (as such term is defined in section 102 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5302))”: *Provided further*, That the sixth proviso under this heading in the Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2018 (division I of Public Law 115-254) is amended by striking “State or subdivision thereof” and inserting “State, unit of general local government, or Indian tribe (as such term is defined in section 102 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5302))”: *Provided further*, That in administering the funds under this heading, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development may waive, or specify alternative requirements for, any provision of any statute or regulation that the Secretary administers in connection with the obligation by the Secretary or the use by the recipient of these funds (except for requirements related to fair housing, nondiscrimination, labor standards, and the environment), if the Secretary finds that good cause exists for the waiver or alternative requirement and such waiver or alternative requirement would not be inconsistent with the overall purpose of title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974: *Provided further*, That, notwithstanding the preceding proviso, recipients of funds provided under this heading that use such funds to supplement Federal assistance provided under section 402, 403, 404, 406, 407, 408(c)(4), or 502 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.) may adopt, without review or public comment, any environmental review, approval, or permit performed by a Federal agency, and such adoption shall satisfy the responsibilities of the recipient with respect to such environmental review, approval or permit: *Provided further*, That, notwithstanding section 104(g)(2) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5304(g)(2)), the Secretary may, upon receipt of a request for release of funds and certification, immediately approve the release of funds for an activity or project assisted under this heading if the recipient has adopted an environmental review, approval or permit under the preceding proviso or the activity or project is categorically excluded from review under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.): *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall publish via notice in the Federal Register any waiver, or alternative requirement, to any statute or regulation that the Secretary administers pursuant to title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 no later than 5 days before the effective date of such waiver or alternative requirement: *Provided further*, That of the amounts made available under this heading, up to \$5,000,000 shall be made available for capacity building and technical assistance, including assistance on contracting and procurement processes, to support States, units of general local government, or Indian tribes (and their subrecipients) that receive allocations pursuant to this heading, received disaster recovery allocations under the same heading in Public Law 115-254, or may receive similar allocations for disaster recovery in future appropriations Acts: *Provided further*, That of the amounts made available under this heading and under the same heading in Public Law 115-254, up to

\$2,500,000 shall be transferred, in aggregate, to “Department of Housing and Urban Development—Program Office Salaries and Expenses—Community Planning and Development” for necessary costs, including information technology costs, of administering and overseeing the obligation and expenditure of amounts under this heading: *Provided further*, That the amount specified in the preceding proviso shall be combined with funds appropriated under the same heading and for the same purpose in Public Law 115-254 and the aggregate of such amounts shall be available for any of the same such purposes specified under this heading or the same heading in Public Law 115-254 without limitation: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985: *Provided further*, That amounts repurposed under this heading that were previously designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act are designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

#### GENERAL PROVISION—THIS TITLE

SEC. 1101. (a) Amounts previously made available for activities authorized under title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.) related to disaster relief, long-term recovery, restoration of infrastructure and housing, economic revitalization, and mitigation in the most impacted and distressed areas resulting from a major disaster, including funds provided under section 145 of division C of Public Law 114-223, section 192 of division C of Public Law 114-223 (as added by section 101(3) of division A of Public Law 114-254), section 421 of division K of Public Law 115-31, and any mitigation funding provided under the heading “Department of Housing and Urban Development—Community Planning and Development—Community Development Fund” of Public Law 115-123, that were allocated in response to Hurricane Matthew, may be used interchangeably and without limitation for the same activities in the most impacted and distressed areas related to Hurricane Florence. In addition, any funds provided under the heading “Department of Housing and Urban Development—Community Planning and Development—Community Development Fund” in this Act or in division I of Public Law 115-254 that are allocated in response to Hurricane Florence may be used interchangeably and without limitation for the same activities in the most impacted and distressed areas related to Hurricane Matthew. Until HUD publishes the Federal Register Notice implementing this provision, grantees may submit for HUD approval revised plans for the use of funds related to Hurricane Matthew that expand the eligible beneficiaries of existing programs contained in such previously approved plans to include those impacted by Hurricane Florence. Approval of any such revised plans shall include the execution of revised grant terms and conditions as necessary. Once the implementing Notice is published, any additional action plan revisions shall follow the requirements contained therein.

(b) Amounts made available for administrative costs for activities authorized under title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.) related to disaster relief, long-term recovery, restoration of infrastructure and housing, economic revitalization, and mitigation in the most impacted and distressed areas under this Act or any future Act, and

amounts previously provided under section 420 of division L of Public Law 114-113, section 145 of division C of Public Law 114-223, section 192 of division C of Public Law 114-223 (as added by section 101(3) of division A of Public Law 114-254), section 421 of division K of Public Law 115-31, and under the heading “Department of Housing and Urban Development—Community Planning and Development—Community Development Fund” of division B of Public Law 115-56, Public Law 115-123, and Public Law 115-254, shall be available for eligible administrative costs of the grantee related to any disaster relief funding identified in this subsection without regard to the particular disaster appropriation from which such funds originated.

(c) The additional uses pursuant to this section for amounts that were previously designated by the Congress, respectively, as an emergency requirement or as being for disaster relief pursuant to the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act are designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 or as being for disaster relief pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(D) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

SEC. 1102. Of all amounts made available for mitigation activities under the heading “Department of Housing and Urban Development—Community Development Fund” in Public Law 115-123, the Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register the allocations to all eligible grantees, and the necessary administrative requirements applicable to such allocations within 90 days after enactment of this Act:

(1) For any plans or amendments addressing the use of any funds provided under Public Law 115-123 and received by the Secretary prior to December 22, 2018, the Secretary shall review pending amendments within 15 days of enactment of this Act and pending plans within 30 days of enactment of this Act;

(2) After the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary may not apply the statutory waiver or alternative requirement authority provided by Public Law 115-123 to extend or otherwise alter existing statutory and regulatory provisions governing the timeline for review of required grantee plans:

*Provided*, That any amounts allocated pursuant to this section to any such grantee shall not be available for draw down and expenditure by a grantee that has entered into alternative procedures under section 428 of the Stafford Act as of the date of enactment of this Act until such grantee has reached a final agreement on all fixed cost estimates within the timeline provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency: *Provided further*, That prior to making any grant of funds allocated pursuant to this section, the Secretary must receive from the grantee information that allows the Secretary to certify that such grantee has in place proficient financial controls and procurement processes and has established adequate procedures to prevent any duplication of benefits as defined by section 312 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5155), to ensure timely expenditure of funds, to maintain comprehensive websites regarding all disaster recovery activities assisted with these funds, and to detect and prevent waste, fraud, and abuse of funds: *Provided further*, That amounts repurposed under this heading that were previously designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 are designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

## TITLE XII

## GENERAL PROVISIONS—THIS ACT

SEC. 1201. Each amount appropriated or made available by this Act is in addition to amounts otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year involved.

SEC. 1202. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond the current fiscal year unless expressly so provided herein.

SEC. 1203. Unless otherwise provided for by this Act, the additional amounts appropriated by this Act to appropriations accounts shall be available under the authorities and conditions applicable to such appropriations accounts for fiscal year 2019.

SEC. 1204. Each amount designated in this Act by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 shall be available (or rescinded or transferred, if applicable) only if the President subsequently so designates all such amounts and transmits such designations to the Congress.

SEC. 1205. For purposes of this Act, the consequences or impacts of any hurricane shall include damages caused by the storm at any time during the entirety of its duration as a cyclone, as defined by the National Hurricane Center.

SEC. 1206. Any amount appropriated by this Act, designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 and subsequently so designated by the President, and transferred pursuant to transfer authorities provided by this Act shall retain such designation.

SEC. 1207. (a) Section 1309(a) of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4016(a)) is amended by striking “May 31, 2019” and inserting “September 30, 2019”.

(b) Section 1319 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4026) is amended by striking “May 31, 2019” and inserting “September 30, 2019”.

(c) If this Act is enacted after May 31, 2019, the amendments made by subsections (a) and (b) shall take effect as if enacted on May 31, 2019.

This Act may be cited as the “Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act, 2019”.

## AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I have 3 requests for committees to meet during today’s session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today’s session of the Senate:

## COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 23, 2019, at 9:45 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

## COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 23, 2019, at time to be determined, to conduct a hearing on the following nominations: David Fabian Black, of North Dakota, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social

Security, and Emin Toro, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court.

## COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 23, 2019, at 9:15 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

## NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration and the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 213.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 213) designating the week of May 19 through May 25, 2019, as “National Public Works Week.”

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 213) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in the RECORD of May 16, 2019, under “Submitted Resolutions.”)

## RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TODAY

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the en bloc consideration of the following Senate Resolutions, which were submitted earlier today: S. Res. 222, S. Res. 223, S. Res. 224, S. Res. 225, and S. Res. 226.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions en bloc.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I know of no further debate on the resolutions.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If there is no further debate, the question is on adoption of the resolutions en bloc.

The resolutions were agreed to.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the preambles be agreed to and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, all en bloc.

The preambles were agreed to.

(The resolutions, with their preambles, are printed in today’s RECORD under “Submitted Resolutions.”)

# RECOGNIZING THE RICH HISTORY, HERITAGE, AND STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Energy and Natural Resources Committee be discharged from further consideration and the Senate now proceed to S. Con. Res. 3.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 3) recognizing the rich history, heritage, and strategic importance of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Marshallese population residing in the United States.

There being no objection, the committee was discharged and the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 3) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The concurrent resolution, with its preamble, is printed in the RECORD of February 13, 2019, under "Submitted Resolutions.")

## DISCHARGE AND REFERRAL—S. 886

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be discharged from further consideration of S. 886 and the bill be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM EXTENSION ACT OF 2019

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. 1693, introduced earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1693) to reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading and was read the third time.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I know of no further debate on the bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If there is no further debate on the bill, the bill having been read the third time, the question is, Shall the bill pass?

The bill (S. 1693) was passed as follows:

S. 1693

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "National Flood Insurance Program Extension Act of 2019".

### SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM.

(a) FINANCING.—Section 1309(a) of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4016(a)) is amended by striking "May 31, 2019" and inserting "June 14, 2019".

(b) PROGRAM EXPIRATION.—Section 1319 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4026) is amended by striking "May 31, 2019" and inserting "June 14, 2019".

(c) RETROACTIVE EFFECTIVE DATE.—If this Act is enacted after May 31, 2019, the amendments made by subsections (a) and (b) shall take effect as if enacted on May 31, 2019.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 24, 2019, THROUGH MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2019

Mr. MCCONNELL. Now, Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn to convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business being conducted on the following dates and times and that following each pro forma session, the Senate adjourn for the next pro forma session: Friday, May 24 at 9:45 a.m.; Tuesday, May 28 at 11:30 a.m.; Friday, May 31 at 10:30 a.m. I further ask unanimous consent that when the Senate adjourns on Friday May 31, it next convene at 3 p.m., Monday, June 3; that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, morning business be closed, and the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 78, S. 1332; finally, that notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII, the cloture motions filed during today's session ripen at 5:30 p.m., Monday, June 3.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:45 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:34 p.m., adjourned until Friday, May 24, 2019, at 9:45 a.m.

## NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

### FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

LAJUANA S. WILCHER, OF KENTUCKY, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FEDERAL AGRICULTURAL MORTGAGE CORPORATION, VICE CHESTER JOHN CULVER.

### DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

BRIAN CALLANAN, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, VICE BRENT JAMES MCINTOSH.

BRENT JAMES MCINTOSH, OF MICHIGAN, TO BE AN UNDER SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, VICE DAVID MALPASS, RESIGNED.

### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ERIN ELIZABETH MCKEE, OF CALIFORNIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA, AND TO SERVE CONCURRENTLY AND WITHOUT ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE SOLOMON ISLANDS AND AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF VANUATU.

### HARRY S TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

STEPHEN R. BOUGH, OF MISSOURI, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE HARRY S TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 10, 2021, VICE ROGER L. HUNT, TERM EXPIRED.

### THE JUDICIARY

ELIZABETH J. SHAPIRO, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FOR THE TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS, VICE LEE F. SATTERFIELD, TERM EXPIRED.

### IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

#### To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. MARY F. O'BRIEN

THE FOLLOWING NAMED AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12212:

#### To be brigadier general

COL. ARTHUR P. WUNDER

### IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY AS A CHAPLAIN UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 7064:

#### To be brigadier general

COL. WILLIAM GREEN, JR.

### NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

#### To be vice admiral

VICE ADM. PHILLIP G. SAWYER

### IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUALS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE REGULAR AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531:

#### To be major

HASSAN N. BATAYNEH  
ASAD U. QAMAR

### IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

#### To be lieutenant colonel

MICHAEL J. BALLARD  
BRUCE E. CHOJNACKI  
LUIS A. ETIENNE  
JOHANNA M. FRANCO  
JUSTIN B. GORKOWSKI  
BRENT A. HAMILTON  
JASON M. HARLAN  
DANIEL D. HICKEY  
FRANCISCO J. JAUME  
MATTHEW P. KENT  
BENJAMIN H. KLIMKOWSKI  
TERRELL C. LAWSON  
MARK S. LEMANSKI  
TARA A. MAHONEY



MARK B. MCCOOL  
KURT J. MCDOWELL  
KYLE V. MOSES  
THOMAS M. NELSON  
JULIANNA M. RODRIGUEZ  
JEREMY R. SCHUNKE  
STEVEN R. SIMMONS, JR.  
GAETANO M. SNOW  
CHARLES E. STEARNS  
MICHAEL B. STOKES  
NAKIA J. SUMMERS  
KEVIN R. TANQUARY  
JASON G. THOMAS  
MICHAEL B. TOWNER  
BRIAN J. WHITE  
CHRISTOPHER A. WILEY  
CHRISTOPHER A. WILSON  
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THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

*To be major*

ANDRE L. THOMAS

THE FOLLOWING OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

*To be major*

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THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 7064:

*To be major*

CHRISTOPHER B. NETTLES

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

*To be lieutenant colonel*

EDWARD C. ADAMS  
RANDALL J. ADAMS  
NATHAN T. ADKINS  
ANTHONY B. AGUILAR  
JASON M. ALEXANDER  
WALTER T. ALLARD  
JASON D. ALLEN  
MARTIN D. ANDERS  
JON C. ANDERSON  
KARO M. ANDERSON  
LUCAS R. ANDERSON  
NICHOLAS K. ANDERSON  
RICHARD S. ANDERSON  
GRAYSON F. ANGUS  
ALEX A. AQUINO  
BAUDELIO ARIAS, JR.  
ADAM W. ARMSTRONG  
MICHAEL C. ARNONE  
STEWART D. BAILEY  
MICAH I. BAKER  
MARIUS B. BALAS  
CRYSTAL B. BATEY  
JAMES A. BATTLE  
AARON B. BATTY  
CHRISTOPHER O. BEAL  
STEVEN W. BEARD  
HERBERT F. BECK  
BONNIE L. BELOBRAJDIC  
TRAVIS BETZ  
CHARLES G. BIES  
AARON L. BILLINGSLEY  
JAMES C. BITTHORN  
JOSEPH C. BLACK  
STEPHAN R. BOLTON  
ROBERT E. BONHAM  
JEFFREY P. BOITRELL  
MATTHEW J. BOWMAN  
STEPHEN R. BOZOVICH  
NANSHANT A. M. BRADFORD  
TARA K. BRADLEY  
ROBERT M. BRANDSTETTER  
JOSEPH O. BREEDLOVE  
RAMON BRIGANTTI  
JIM A. BROCKINGTON  
CLINTON W. BROWN  
CODY H. BROWN  
WILLIAM E. BROWN  
MACCLAND H. BROWNELL  
LARRY B. BRUEGGEMEYER  
DAVID A. BRUNAIS  
STEPHEN W. BRUNK  
MARK A. BUCK  
JOHN L. BURBANK  
JEFFERSON D. BURGESS  
MEGAN T. BURKE  
NATHANAEAL O. BURNORE  
JAMEKELA M. BURNS  
THOMAS W. BURNS  
PAUL S. BUTTON  
JOHN W. CAHILL  
BRIAN L. CALDWELL  
DAVID R. CAMPBELL  
NATASHA N. CAMPBELL  
DANIEL B. CANNON  
YOVANA CARDENAS  
THOMAS F. CARROLL  
CORY J. CARTER  
ADAM V. CARUSO  
BILLY B. CASIDAY  
MAX E. CAYLOR  
JESUS CEJA, JR.

THOMAS CHAE  
NICHOLAS B. CHALLEN  
BENJAMIN T. CHANNELS  
DAVID T. CHAPMAN  
JIMMY T. CHEN  
LUKE T. CHIVERS  
PEARL H. CHRISTENSEN  
JOSHUA T. CHRISTY  
THOMAS R. CHURCH  
JONATHAN M. CINTRON  
JOSEPH A. CLARK  
CHARLES W. CLAYPOOL  
ARIS J. COMEAUX  
CHARLES W. COMFORT, JR.  
BRANDON J. COOK  
KENNETH D. A. COOK  
MICHAEL D. COOKEY  
JAMES A. COPP  
BRIAN L. CORBIN  
WILLIAM B. CORDELL  
JAMES L. COVINGTON  
KEVIN E. CRONIN  
RONALD S. CROWTHER  
DAVID M. CULVER  
RUSSELL O. CUMMINGS  
WILLIAM T. CUNNINGHAM  
EDWARD M. CUSTER  
ROBERT C. CUTHBERTSON  
PAUL A. CUTTS  
KEVIN E. DAGON  
TODD A. DANA  
CLAY E. DANIELS  
NICHOLAS S. DAUGHERTY  
DAMASIO DAVILA  
MATTHEW J. DAY  
CASEY A. DEAN  
TIMOTHY J. DECKER II  
TIMOTHY W. DECKER  
RENE M. DELAFUENTE  
JONPAUL E. DEPREO  
TIFFANY L. DILLS  
KEVIN S. DODSON  
MICHAEL G. DOLAN  
MATTHIAS W. DREHER  
DEREK G. DROUIN  
ANTHONY G. DUNAT  
ADAM G. DUVAL  
FRANK R. DUVERGER III  
CHRISTOPHER R. EIDMAN  
GREGORY R. ELDREDGE  
ALAN J. ENKE  
VINCENT P. ENRIQUEZ  
PETER M. ERICKSON  
PHILLIP J. EWELL  
JONATHAN P. EWING  
ANTHONY B. FALCON  
BRYAN G. FANNING  
KITE S. FAULKNER  
SCOTT T. FEATHERS  
JERALD M. FERGUSON  
DANIEL P. FERRITER  
ROBERT A. FERRYMAN  
MICHAEL FILANOWSKI  
CANDACE N. FISHER  
BRENDAN D. FITZGERALD  
MICHAEL E. FITZGERALD IV  
ARECIA B. FLENAUGH  
RUFINO B. FLORES  
BRIAN G. FORESTER  
DAVID P. FORSHA  
LANCE J. FOUNTAIN  
MATTHEW M. FOX  
NICK S. FRANCOIS  
ANTHONY E. FREUDE  
JEREMIAH E. FURNIA  
ANTHONY FUSCELLARO  
RYAN J. GAINES  
BRETT A. GAMBACORTA  
ASHLEY R. GARDINER  
THOMAS N. GARNER  
THOMAS M. GARVEY  
BRADLEY C. GATES  
MARK J. GEISLER II  
KRISTOPHER T. GILLET  
IAN M. GINTY  
JARRAD D. GLASENAPP  
JONATHAN E. GODWIN  
CHAD M. GORNEY  
NICHOLAS P. GRAHAM  
CHRISTOPHER M. GREEN  
GREGORY S. GREEN  
ROBERT H. GREGORY  
EDMUND A. GUY  
TIMOTHY A. HAEBERLE  
CHARLES W. HALL  
MICHAEL A. HAMILTON  
JASON R. HANSON  
JASON L. HARMON  
ANDREW J. HARRIS  
TIMOTHY R. HARRIS  
MICHAEL L. HARRISON  
JASON A. HARTLEY  
DANIEL R. HAYES  
EMORY J. HAYES  
PAUL C. HAYNSWORTH  
ROBERT D. HEFFNER  
WILLIAM S. HEFRON  
ANTHONY F. HEISLER  
DAVID D. HENDERSON  
BRAD R. HENRY  
PHILIP G. HENSEL  
MICHAEL J. HERBEK  
ROBERTO HERRERA  
BROCKTON L. HERSHBERGER  
JOSHUA L. HILL  
DANIEL G. HODERMARSKY  
MATTHEW A. HODGES

ANDREW J. HOEPRICH  
BRUCE L. HOFFMAN, JR.  
TIMOTHY D. HOGAN  
WILLIAM L. HOLBROOK  
DOUGLAS N. HOLT  
JASON C. HONEYCUTT  
CLIFFORD T. HOWARD  
ANTHONY T. HOWELL  
BRODIE K. HOYER  
RONALD J. HUDAK  
RHIAN A. HUDSON  
MICHAEL B. HULTQUIST  
JOSHUA A. HUNTER  
MICHAEL T. HUTCHINSON  
TREVIS C. ISENBERG  
CHRISTOPHER A. IZQUIERDO  
MARK A. JACKSON  
VINCENT L. JACKSON  
MATTHEW L. JAMISON  
ERIC L. JENSEN  
GRANT E. JERRY  
ANDREW C. JOHANNES  
JOHN K. JOHANNES  
DAVID R. JONES  
RICHARD M. JONES, JR.  
RUSSELL A. JONES  
KEVIN C. KAHR  
JACOB M. KALDOR  
DANIEL M. KANE  
KEVIN P. KANE  
JOHN A. KARCHER  
SEAN H. KARRELS  
ERIK W. KARSTENSEN  
VINCE M. KASTER  
KEITH C. KATZENBERGER  
CHRISTINE L. KAY  
EMIL J. KESSELRING  
MICHAEL D. KIESE  
EDWARD M. KIM  
SAMUEL KIM  
AARON B. KING  
ROBERT M. KINNEY  
DANIEL J. KINSELLA  
KYLE W. KIRBY  
BRIAN M. KITCHING  
ANDREW M. KLIPPEL  
JARROD K. KNOWLDEN  
RICHARD L. KNOX  
RICHARD P. KOCH  
JOSEPH A. KOPCHA  
JUSTIN R. KOPER  
RYAN C. KORTZE  
ERIC M. KUENKE  
KLINT E. KUHLMAN  
BRIAN A. KUNIHIO  
THOMAS A. LAINIS  
THOMAS J. LAKE  
SETH E. LANGSTON  
ORRETT D. O. LAWRENCE  
DANIEL R. LEARD  
MARK M. LEE  
ALPHONSE J. LEMAIRE  
TIMOTHY J. LEONE  
EDWARD B. LESCHER  
ISAAC E. LEWELLEN  
ANDREW R. LEWIS  
LAWRENCE J. LEWIS  
MICHAEL E. LOCONSOLO  
ETHAN LOEFFERT  
SCOTT D. LORENZEN  
GRADY D. LOWE  
STEPHEN M. LUCAS  
RUDI H. LUSA  
IAN A. MACNAB  
ROBERT T. MAGILL  
JOHN F. MAGLIOCCA  
DENNIS J. MAHER  
CHRISTOPHER T. MAJORS  
DYLAN W. MALCOMB  
JAMES R. MALLICOAT  
SCOTT B. MANSON  
BRETT B. MANDIS  
ANDREW W. MARSH  
ANTOINETTE W. MARTIN  
ARI M. MARTY  
RAYMOND A. MASZAROSE  
ANDREW L. MCCOLLUM  
NATHAN E. MCCORMACK  
ADAM S. MCCOY  
BRENDAN J. MCEVOY  
SEAN L. MCEWEN  
PAUL L. MCKINNEY  
STEPHEN R. MCKINNEY  
JAMES K. MCKITTRICK  
ODELLE J. MEANS  
BRETT M. MEDSKER  
BRIAN J. MEISTER  
RICHARD M. MENDENHALL  
BRIAN M. MERKL  
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 ALLAN S. JACKMAN  
 LARRY JACKSON, JR.  
 MATTHEW P. JACOBS  
 LATOYA M. JAMES  
 RAPHAEL A. JIMENEZRAMIREZ II  
 JASON L. JOHNSON  
 MELISSA E. JOHNSON  
 NAOMI S. JOHNSON  
 SHANNON I. JOHNSON  
 TAMMY D. JOHNSON  
 RACHEL J. JOSHUA  
 STACY L. KING  
 VALERIE KNIGHT  
 JOSEPH D. KOMANETZ  
 BONNIE S. KOVATCH  
 KELLI J. KULHANEK  
 JOHN D. LAMKIN  
 JOHN M. LANCASTER, JR.  
 MELINDA LATTING  
 CLEOPATRA W. LAWSON  
 ALBERT J. LEE  
 KATHERINE A. LEIDENBERG  
 DENNIS M. LEUNG  
 JAHREN D. LILJENQUIST  
 JONATHAN H. LINDSLEY  
 BLAKE L. LITTLE  
 JASON M. LOGAN  
 HANS J. LOKODI  
 EDGAR A. LOPEZ  
 ARLENE C. LOVELL  
 MIREYA K. LUMPKIN  
 JOSHUA H. LUNSFORD  
 JOEL M. MACHAK  
 JAMAAL A. MACK  
 CHRISTOPHER G. MANGANARO  
 THOMAS J. MARBURY  
 HARRY MARS  
 ROBERT P. MASSEY  
 CHRISTOPHER J. MASSON  
 JOHN V. MAUNTEL  
 ERIC S. MCCALL  
 MICHAEL R. MCCARTY  
 AARON M. MCCULLOUGH  
 CHRISTOPHER Q. MCKINDRA  
 PAUL D. MEDLEY  
 MEGAN C. MEINHOLZ  
 NICHOLAS J. MILLER  
 MATTHEW W. MISKOWSKI  
 JEANNETTE M. MOLINA  
 SCOTT R. MONTOYA  
 JODIE M. MOOREBARBIN  
 SCOTTY T. MORI  
 CARL M. MOSES  
 PATRICIA C. MURPHY  
 SHANE L. MURPHY  
 ANTHONY P. NEWMAN  
 CHRISTIAN S. NEWTON  
 TYLER D. OLSEN  
 HADIYA E. ONEAL  
 TIMOTHY N. PAGE  
 THERESA B. PALMORE  
 MATTHEW P. PANEPINTO  
 NICHOLAS P. PANEPINTO  
 MICHELLE L. PARLETTE  
 KATRINA M. PATTON  
 JEAN P. PAUL  
 JEREMY C. PAUL  
 AARON D. PEARSALL  
 RYAN D. PERUSICH  
 DWAYNE A. PETERSON  
 ERIX S. PHILLIPS  
 JON T. PHILLIPS  
 LANELLE PICKETT, JR.

CRISTIAN A. PINZON  
 ADRIAN L. PLATER  
 DREW T. PONIVAS  
 LEVITICUS D. POPE  
 MANUEL PRADO  
 KEITH N. PRATT  
 RICHARD A. PRAUSA  
 ROBERT T. PREMO  
 ALIM A. QAASIM  
 ERIK QUIRALTE  
 EUPHEMIA S. RAMEY  
 TINA L. RAMIREZ  
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 WILLIE R. RAMSEY  
 KALIN M. REARDON  
 PATRICK J. REARDON  
 MARK C. REED  
 MICHAEL J. RIGNEY  
 MATTHEW C. RIVERA  
 STEVEN C. ROBINSON  
 TANGELA V. ROBINSON  
 DANIEL RODRIGUEZ, JR.  
 JEREMY J. ROGERS  
 CHRISTOPHER J. RONALD  
 JACQUELINE G. ROQUETA  
 BENJAMIN ROSARIOCAMACHO  
 SUN RYU  
 AMY A. SAAL  
 JEFFREY L. SACKS  
 RODRICK C. SALTER  
 DAVID A. SANCHEZ  
 ADIA H. SANDERS  
 RAUL SANDOVAL  
 MICHELLE P. SANTAYANA  
 SCOTT A. SCHMIDT  
 RALPH E. SCHNEIDER IV  
 JOHN B. SCHULKE, JR.  
 JEREMY D. SCOTT  
 ALAN W. SHOLES, JR.  
 JOHN D. SHORT  
 JAIME L. SIMMONS  
 BRADLEY C. SINES  
 DENNIS I. SLATTERY  
 TROY L. SMART  
 CRYSTAL V. SMITH  
 JOEL D. SMITH  
 KELLEY A. SMITH  
 STANTON W. SMITH  
 JOSHUA D. SOUTHWORTH  
 AMANDA K. STAMBACH  
 NICOLE R. STARR  
 MICHAEL R. STOCK  
 RICHARD J. STRAVITSCH  
 VIRGINIA A. SUPANICK  
 CAMILLA M. SWAIN  
 MATTHEW A. SWEENEY  
 JUAN TALAMANTES, JR.  
 DWAYNE M. TERRY  
 BENJAMIN M. TERWILLIGER  
 MUHAREM TERZIC  
 RANDY L. TESTER  
 GRANT T. THIMSEN  
 CHRISTOPHER D. THOMAS  
 JERMON D. TILLMAN  
 QUETABALA L. TOBIN  
 KEITH O. TONEY  
 ORLANDO L. TORRES  
 ROBERT J. TREMBLAY  
 DANIEL T. TROST  
 CHRISTOPHER J. URYNOWICZ  
 MIKLOS S. VAJDA  
 PLOURDE VALLON  
 PATRICK S. VANKIRK  
 IAN J. VARGAS  
 MELODY L. VARNER  
 FRANCISCO J. VAZQUEZ  
 ANGEL G. VEGA  
 HELEN M. WALLACE  
 ELIZABETH A. WALSH  
 CARLOS G. WANDEMBERGH  
 ASHLEY L. WATSON  
 LATASHA WATSON  
 CAREY E. WAY  
 JOHN D. WEISSENBOEN  
 ALLEN S. WELLMAN  
 BRANDY L. WEST  
 ROBERT J. WEST  
 AMBER R. WHITE  
 CHANDRIA R. WHITE  
 CORNELIUS D. WILBERT  
 ADRIAN J. WILLIAMS  
 BRIAN M. WILLIAMS  
 DAVID C. WILLIAMS  
 DION E. WILLIAMS  
 NICHOLAS I. WILLIAMS  
 BENJAMIN E. WILSON  
 RICHARD S. WILT, JR.  
 MARK J. WINKER  
 MATTHEW P. WOOLSEY  
 NIKOLITSA WOOTEN  
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THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

#### To be captain

MEGER D. CHAPPELL

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

#### To be lieutenant commander

RYAN D. SCULLY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

#### To be lieutenant commander

BRANDON T. BRIDGES

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

#### To be lieutenant commander

MARK S. JAVATE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

#### To be lieutenant commander

CHANDLER W. JONES

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

#### To be lieutenant commander

JUSTIN R. TAYLOR

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

#### To be commander

KRISTINE N. BENCH  
 DOMINIC F. DIMAGGIO  
 KYLE B. FRANKLIN  
 MARK A. HEBERT  
 CARTER L. JOHNSTON  
 COLLEEN M. MCDONALD  
 CHRISTOPHER M. MORRIS  
 MICHAEL J. PAPA  
 JEFFREY R. PORTELL  
 COLIN L. THORNTON  
 CHRISTOPHER K. TUGGLE  
 DAVID A. ZIEMBA

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

#### To be commander

DIEGO F. ALVARADO  
 DANIEL ARANDA  
 JOSHUA A. CHISHOLM  
 RICHARD J. COILLOT  
 WILLIAM F. CUNNINGHAM  
 DANIEL R. FORD  
 CURTIS J. GOBERT, JR.  
 BEATA I. GONZALES  
 RACHAEL A. GOSNELL  
 MATTHEW C. HAMM  
 STEPHANIE C. LASTINGER  
 CHESTER LEE III  
 JENNIFER C. LIPSCOMB  
 KIMBERLY T. MANUEL  
 DANIEL M. MARZLUFF  
 WENDY S. NG  
 MICHAEL F. NUNZIATO  
 SAINATH P. PANJETI  
 STEPHEN D. RITTERMANN  
 FRANCISCO RIVERA  
 ROBERT J. STORER  
 ANDREW H. TAM  
 LEAH M. TUNNELL  
 JERRY Y. TZENG  
 JARED M. WILHELM

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

#### To be commander

ANTHONY J. FALVO IV  
 ASHLEY A. HOCKYCKO  
 RICHLYN C. IVEY  
 AARON V. KAKIEL  
 JESSICA L. MCNULTY  
 NICOLE R. SCHWEGMAN  
 WILLIAM B. TISDALE  
 BRIAN T. WIERZBICKI

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

#### To be commander

BECKY L. BUJAKI  
 MICHAEL A. FREAS  
 WILFRED H. JUDD III  
 MARK T. LOGAN  
 JASON T. MARTINSON  
 JARED M. MAULDIN  
 ALEJANDRO PALOMINO  
 JOSEPH E. STIERWALT  
 JOSEPH D. TINDELL  
 NICHOLAS T. WALKER

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

#### To be commander

ALBERT E. ARNOLD IV  
 CHAD M. BERMAN  
 BRADLEY W. FAIRFAX  
 RICARDO A. FERRA

BRIAN C. FREDRICK  
DAVID T. HURST  
LUCAS R. KORAN  
JUSTIN M. LETWINSKY  
MATTHEW M. MCCLURE  
JASON M. PETTITT  
MARLIN R. SMITH III  
MARK T. SUMMERLIN  
JOHN L. THIESSEN  
ERNESTO R. VILLALBA  
JASON C. VINING  
JAMES F. WRIGHTSON, JR.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

*To be commander*

BRIAN J. BANAZWSKI  
NATHAN V. BEACH  
TABITHA A. BOOTHSEAY  
JAMES J. COLGARY, JR.  
JONATHAN S. CONNELLY  
YEV'TTE A. DAVIS  
LARIE A. DIXON  
JASON W. DOWNS  
JASON A. FLANAGAN  
WENDELL R. HOLMES  
CLAY I. JOHNSON  
JOSE M. LAMBERTY  
VIDAL C. LOZADA  
SCOTT C. MILLHOUSE  
BRANDON R. MONAGHAN  
JARROD M. OZEREKO  
MICHAEL A. SAMMATARO  
JUSTIN K. STEPANCHICK  
SPENCER V. TALLEY  
ERIC J. THURKINS, JR.  
CHRISTOPHER A. TILLEY  
DAVID K. TIREY  
GILBERT P. VIERA III  
JAMES W. WALDREP  
JOHNATHAN C. WALKER  
WILLIAM M. WALKER  
EVAN B. WILLIAMS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

*To be commander*

SHANE L. BEAVERS  
WILLIAM M. CORLEY  
STEPHANIE K. HAYES  
BRADLEY P. HENDERSON  
LESLIE A. HUFFMAN  
JEREMY N. HYLER  
JEANINE A. LANG  
ROBERT V. LIBERATO  
ROBERT A. LINN  
KAITLIN M. MCLEOD  
ENDIA T. MENDEZ  
DANIEL A. NELSON  
MICHAEL J. PYNE  
STEVEN J. RANCOURT  
ALICIA M. SALERNO  
PATRICK M. SALUKE  
NICOLE A. SERRANO  
LACEY M. SIZEMORE  
DAMON R. SUMERAILL  
JOHN J. WILLIAMS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE REGULAR NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531:

*To be lieutenant commander*

LEVI DESJARLAIS  
ANTHONY R. MURPHY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE REGULAR NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531:

*To be lieutenant commander*

MEERA CHEERHARAN

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE REGULAR NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531:

*To be lieutenant commander*

SELINA D. BANDY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

*To be commander*

ROBERT W. BOASE  
FRANK T. BORREGO  
ADAM G. BORSMAN  
CHRISTOPHER D. BRECKENRIDGE  
PHILIP J. CAREY  
EDWIN R. CATUBIG  
REZA A. CHEGINI  
MELISSA B. CHOPE  
ROBERT S. COLLETT  
SHAWN T. COLLINS  
HERIBERTO CRUZ, JR.  
JOHN M. DIAZ  
WILLIAM D. DOUGHER  
JEREMY D. ELMER  
MICHAEL J. FELDHUES  
OSCAR S. FLORES  
THOMAS M. FOEGELLE, JR.  
JAMES W. FOSTER  
ANTHONY B. FRIES  
PAUL K. GITZEN

PETRONILO S. GOMEZ  
JOEL C. GORNY  
GEORGE GROVNER III  
ROGER D. HORNE  
JACK L. HURLEY  
ELOUISE M. HURST  
FORREST B. JAMES III  
TERRENCE U. JONES  
CRAIG T. JOYCE  
ROBERT G. KNAPP  
EMMERICH V. LANGHAM  
CRAIG H. MACDONALD  
MARCUS J. MACHART  
GREGORY P. MARTIN  
RICHARD MARTINEZ  
CHRISTOPHER A. MAY  
BRIAN T. MUTSCH  
TRAVIS L. SCOTT  
BRADLEY W. SLAUGHTER, JR.  
ARTHUR G. STEWART II  
GREGORY L. TINER  
JERIAHMI L. L. TINSLEY  
JOE M. TOWLES  
CHRISTOPHER VERDELL  
WALTER J. ZAPF III

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

*To be commander*

MATE W. AERANDIR  
WILLARD E. BALL  
CURTIS A. BELING, JR.  
CHARLES F. BELL III  
RONALD BETANCOURT  
MATTHEW B. BIELIK  
NICOLAS T. BOGAARD  
CHRISTOPHER R. BOLTON  
MICHAEL J. BONACORSA  
JOSEPH C. BYROM  
JUSTIN K. CONROY  
STEPHEN D. CURTAS  
NEIL J. CURTIS  
EDWARD M. DAVID  
CHRISTOPHER A. DUMAS  
ERICA F. GOODWIN  
WILLIAM L. V. GRENOBLE  
CHRISTOPHER D. GUSTAFSON  
ANDREW S. HAMILTON  
FRANK C. KOVACS  
HENRY D. LANGE  
JOSE L. LEPESUASTEGUI  
ROBERT A. MADDEN  
HEATHER D. MADERIA  
TROY M. MCCORMICK  
PHILLIP P. MENARD VII  
CHRISTOPHER M. MICHALSKI  
BRIAN C. MOORE  
MATTHEW D. MYERS  
KRISTENE C. NEWBERRY  
JOSEPH L. PRUCE  
DIMITRI D. RANDALL  
AMANDA B. RICHARDS  
SCOTT E. RIFFLE  
PAUL S. ROGERS  
JOSEPH R. RUCK  
ADAM D. SEILER  
JAMES M. A. SPALL  
DAVID J. TEBBE  
EMMANUEL M. THOMANN  
JEFFREY T. VANAK  
FRANK A. WARNER  
KHALIA S. WARNERBUTLER  
GEOFFREY J. WEBER  
DREW J. WHITTING  
ROLLIE J. WICKS  
JONATHAN M. WIENS  
SHANE A. WINKER  
REBECCA L. YOUNG

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

*To be commander*

HANNAH L. BEALON  
NATHAN A. BOEGER  
ROBERT A. BUCKLES  
ANTHONY C. CAGLE  
NATHAN W. CONGER  
JOHN M. CONNALLY  
CHRISTOPHER S. DIAS  
JONATHAN S. DURHAM  
ANTHONY E. ELLIS  
JOEL P. ELY  
AARON J. GALL  
CALVIN B. GATES  
JOHNNIE L. GREEN, JR.  
ROBERT C. GRIFFITH  
ANTHEUS D. HEBERT  
JAMES T. HERZOG  
CORY S. HICKS  
SCOTT T. HODGKINSON  
CLIFTON E. JACKSON III  
MATTHEW T. JOHNSON  
RICHARD J. MASCOLO  
RANDALL L. MCATEE  
GREGORY C. MORRISON  
SHAWN T. NEWMAN  
CARLOS R. PESQUERA  
ELAINE D. REID  
RYAN A. RIPPEON  
PETER J. SILVA, JR.  
CARLTON B. SUMMERVILLE  
ANTHONY O. THOMAS  
EDWARD M. VALDEZ

JEFFREY P. WILCOX  
JERRY L. WOODS  
BILLY W. YOUNG

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

*To be commander*

BRIELLE L. ADAMOVICH  
KITAN BAE  
KEVIN R. BARRETT  
JASON J. BECKER  
WILLIAM B. CAMPBELL  
EREN D. CATALOGLU  
MATTHEW O. CAYLOR  
NICHOLAS A. COLE  
MATTHEW G. DALTON  
NEIL R. FLANDERS  
KEITH A. GEHRKE  
ELIAS J. GEORGE  
DONNA R. GILBERT  
MATTHEW E. HAGSTETTE  
JULIA M. HUBERTZ  
ADAM T. HUMPHREY  
EDGAR W. JATHO III  
CHRISTOPHER D. JOHNSON  
JOSHUA D. KHOURY  
MIRANDA C. LABASH  
PETER B. MANZOLI  
DANIEL E. MELEASON  
NEIL A. MYERS  
NATHANIEL D. RIGHTSELL  
BRIAN M. SALTER  
MICHAEL C. SCHAEFER  
DAVID T. SPALDING  
PHILIP J. STARCOVIC  
JOSHUA C. STONEHOUSE  
ROBERT W. THOMPSON  
TONY V. H. TRAN  
JULIEANNE K. WILKENING  
DAVID T. WRIGHT  
CHELSEY L. ZWICKER

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

*To be commander*

JOHN I. ACTKINSON  
IAN P. ADAMS  
BRANDON S. ALAMO  
NICHOLAS E. ALFANO  
JOHN R. ALLEN  
TRAVIS S. AMERINE  
ROBERT W. ANDERSON IV  
GHEORAG M. ANDREWS  
KEVIN C. ANTONUCCI  
AARON S. ARKY  
SERGIO A. ARMAS, JR.  
ALYSSA B. Y. ARMSTRONG  
COREY D. BARKSDALE  
DAVID H. BARNHILL  
JESSICA M. BARRIENTOS  
CHARLES S. BARRS III  
JOHN G. BARRY  
CHAD D. BARTKUS  
JEREMY D. BARTOWITZ  
MATTHEW E. BAYER  
DAVID R. BEAM  
JOHN M. BEAR  
CLAYTON C. BEAS  
JAMES R. BEATY  
JOHN P. BECKER  
MATTHEW A. BECKER  
MICHAEL J. BEER  
BRIAN J. BERG  
AARON G. BERGER  
DANIEL J. BERRY  
MASON W. BERRY  
DYLAN C. BEYER  
RYAN L. BIKELBACH  
ZACHARY A. BITTNER  
GARTH J. BLAKELY  
CHRISTOPHER H. BLAND  
BRIAN K. BLASCHKE  
SHANE R. BOBBE  
NIKOLAUS J. BOCHETTE  
THOMAS R. BOCK  
DUSTIN L. BOEDING  
ROBERT H. BOWER  
MATTHEW D. BOYCE  
MARSHALL T. BOYD  
EDWARD H. BOYDSTON  
RICHARD T. BRANNEN  
RICHARD T. BRAUN  
JEREMY D. BRAUN  
DOUGLAS A. BRAYTON  
WALTER R. BRINKLEY, JR.  
MATTHEW P. BROUILLARD  
LUKE A. BROWN  
NATHAN J. BROWNE  
AMANDA G. BROWNING  
ADAM L. BRYAN  
GRANT T. BRYAN  
JOSEPH BUBULKA  
RALPH T. BUCKLES  
WILLIAM W. BUHL III  
IAN M. BURRESS  
GABRIEL D. BURGI  
CHRISTIANA M. BURGOS  
ADAM R. BUSH  
KYLE F. CALTON  
ALBERT F. CALUAG  
DAVID A. CAMP  
TIMOTHY L. CAMPBELL  
DAVID B. CANNADY  
BENJAMIN R. CANTU

AIDAN CARRIGG  
 WILLIAM J. CARROLL  
 GRANT F. CARTER  
 PAUL M. CASE  
 MATTHEW E. CHANG  
 JAMES M. CHARAPICH  
 NATHANIEL J. CHASE  
 MICHAEL R. CHESNUT  
 LORI E. CHESTANG  
 JEFFREY T. CHEWNING  
 SCOTT F. CHIRGWIN  
 CLINTON J. CHRISTOFK  
 EARNEST F. CLARK, JR.  
 MICHAEL R. CLEES  
 CHRISTOPHER W. CLEVENGER  
 JASON E. COATES  
 ADAM COHEN  
 MATTHEW D. COLLINSWORTH  
 RANDY S. CONANT  
 BRIAN X. CONLAN  
 JASON A. CONLEY  
 ERIN N. CONNOR  
 CHRISTOPHER T. COOK  
 JOHN M. COOMBS  
 SEAN N. COOPER  
 WILLIAM R. COOPER  
 PETER E. CORNETT  
 WILLIAM G. COULTER  
 BENJAMEN L. COVERT  
 KELLY N. CRAFT  
 ANDREW C. CROUSE  
 KARI A. CUMMINS  
 GABRIELLE D. CUNNINGHAM  
 RYAN S. DAHLMAN  
 VIDAL DEJESUS  
 MATTHEW N. DELGADO  
 CHRISTOPHER M. DESCOVICH  
 GREGORY L. DESCOVICH  
 BROOKE H. DESROCHERS  
 MATTHEW T. DIEDERICH  
 GRAIG T. DIEDENDERFER  
 THOMAS E. DIGAN, JR.  
 MICHAEL F. DIMMITT  
 EMIL D. DINNOCENZO  
 PHILLIP S. DIPAOLO  
 THOMAS T. DIXON  
 DANIEL B. DOLAN  
 MATTHEW S. DOMINICK  
 JAMES J. DONCHEZ  
 KEVIN M. DORE  
 RICHARD A. DORSEY II  
 SEAN W. DOUGHERTY  
 CODY A. DOWD  
 RYAN R. DOWNING  
 PATRICK M. DURBIN  
 LUCAS R. EDWARDS  
 CARL A. ELLSWORTH, JR.  
 JORDAN D. ENETTE  
 ERIC M. ETHERTON  
 THOMAS C. FALCONER  
 CHARLES R. FARLOW III  
 BILLIE J. FARRELL  
 MICHAEL R. FELDBER  
 JESS B. FELDON  
 JACOB D. FERRARI  
 LEE R. FIKE  
 SEAN D. FINNER  
 WILLIAM F. FITZKEE  
 KELLY J. FITZPATRICK  
 PETER C. FLYNN  
 MARSHALL H. FOARD  
 WARREN H. FOGLE  
 JOSEPH M. FOSTER  
 TIMOTHY A. FOX  
 ALEXANDER J. FRANZ  
 DANIEL R. FRIE  
 BRYAN M. GALLANT  
 ROWDY A. GARCIA  
 JONATHAN R. GARNER  
 NOMER I. GATCHALIAN  
 KENT A. GEBICKE  
 MATTHEW L. GEER  
 BENJAMIN C. GEIB  
 RYAN M. GERD  
 GRAHAM C. GILL  
 AMY E. GIRALDI  
 BENJAMIN J. GLASER  
 CARL R. GLASS  
 JOHN M. GLEASON  
 DEREK M. GOEBEL  
 ANDRE M. GOMEZ  
 ANGELA D. GONZALES  
 JOSHUA P. GOODIN  
 JUSTIN R. GROVER  
 LEIFE E. GUNDERSON  
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 JAMES P. HUNT  
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 PATRICK J. IMHOFF  
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 CAMERON A. INGRAM  
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 JUSTIN E. IVANCIC  
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 MICHAEL R. LUEBKERT  
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 KATIE J. LUNSER  
 MICHAEL J. LYNCH  
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 CHRISTOPHER J. Mergen  
 CHRISTOPHER C. MEYER  
 DAVID S. MICELI  
 JUSTIN L. MIDDLEBROOK  
 ADAM S. MILLER  
 BRANDON J. MILLER  
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 SAMUEL C. MILLS  
 MATTHEW C. MOESSER  
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 BRAD W. MUSKOPF  
 SHAWN M. NAVINSKEY  
 JASON A. NERIO  
 JONATHAN D. NEW  
 JUSTIN A. NIXON  
 DAVIN C. OBRIEN  
 KYLE N. ODOHOE  
 DAVID A. OECHSLEIN  
 RYAN J. OGDEN  
 CHRISTIAN L. OLSEN  
 DANIEL L. OSBOURN  
 MATTHEW J. OSTRYE  
 KENNETH C. PACKARD  
 WALTER J. PAK  
 PATRICIA A. PALMER  
 GARRETT T. PANKOW  
 DANIEL PEEL  
 JOHN C. PERKINS  
 CAROLYN K. PETERSON  
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 MATTHEW C. PIASECKI  
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 RYAN D. PIERCE  
 RYAN Z. PINEDA  
 JEFFREY R. PINKERTON  
 NICHOLAS B. PINKSTON  
 ANDREW W. PITTMAN  
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 MARK K. POBLETE  
 CHRISTOPHER P. POLSON  
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 DANA R. POTAK  
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 TRAVIS B. POWELL  
 EDMUND J. POYNTON  
 KIRK T. PRESCOTT  
 JOSEPH F. PRESTON  
 REGINALD N. PRESTON  
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 NICHOLAS F. QUIHUIS  
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 JUSTIN D. REEVES  
 CURTIS A. REISS  
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 WILLIAM M. RIETVELD  
 MATTHEW F. RIGLER  
 MICHAEL P. RILEY  
 NICHOLAS A. ROA  
 DOUGLAS A. ROBB  
 DUSTIN W. ROBBINS  
 TAD J. ROBBINS  
 JAMES A. ROBERTS  
 JOHN N. ROBERTS  
 THOMAS M. ROBERTS  
 JEREMY D. ROBERTSON  
 MARY H. ROBINSON  
 CHRISTOPHER W. ROBISON  
 MICHAEL RODRIGUEZ  
 ERIC K. ROLFS  
 NIKOLAS G. RONGERS  
 CHRISTOPHER W. ROSE  
 RICHARD C. ROSENBUSCH  
 ADRIENNE L. ROSETI  
 BRIAN A. ROSS  
 JOHN H. ROSS  
 SAMUEL J. ROTH  
 THADDEUS RUSINEK  
 CRAIG T. RYAN  
 SETH D. SAALFELD  
 JONATHAN L. SABURN  
 JOSEPH H. SANDOVAL  
 MATTHEW H. SASS  
 GRAHAM C. SARBRO  
 BLADE A. SCHALLENGER  
 ZACHARY P. SCHEETZ  
 TIMOTHY R. SCHEIDLER  
 DAVID M. SCHERR  
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 NICHOLAS J. SCHNETTLER  
 ERIC M. SCHWAB  
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 MICHAEL J. SIMMONS  
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 JARED L. SLABICKI  
 GABRIEL M. SLATER  
 RICHARD D. SLAYE  
 GLENN J. SMITH  
 JOHANNES SMITH  
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JAVED P. SONDHI  
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GALEN M. THORP  
FRANCISCO TOBIO, JR.  
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SAMUEL K. TRAIN  
ARTURO TREJO  
MICHAEL Q. TREMEL  
BRIAN TRUONG  
TERRY L. TURNER II  
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TODD P. URKOWITZ  
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CHRISTOPHER M. VONDERHEIDE  
SHAWN M. VRABEL  
CHAD C. WALKER  
DESMOND K. WALKER  
JAMES A. WALKER  
KRISTOPHER WALKER  
ADAM P. WALTERS  
MATTHEW W. WALTERS  
BRYAN T. WALTHERS  
HUNTER D. WASHBURN  
CHRISTOPHER F. WASKEY  
GEORGE B. WATKINS  
JAMES N. WATTS  
JASON J. WEHMEYER  
BENJAMIN R. WEISS  
JOSHUA D. WEISS  
ANDREW P. WHALEY  
KATHLEEN R. WHITMAN  
VES W. WHITTEMORE  
STEPHEN V. WILLIAMS  
MICHAEL J. WILLIS  
MICHAEL K. WINTERS  
MATTHEW W. WOLF  
ANDREW C. WOOD  
MATTHEW D. WOODS  
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KARI E. YAKUBISIN  
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THOMAS J. YOUNG, JR.  
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JOHN M. ZAHODNE  
PETER J. ZETTEL  
KENNETH W. ZILKA  
GEORGE S. ZINTAK

## CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate May 23, 2019:

### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

WILLIAM BOOKLESS, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE PRINCIPAL DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION.  
CHRISTOPHER FALLI, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF SCIENCE, DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY.

### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

MICHAEL J. FITZPATRICK, OF VIRGINIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF ECUADOR.

JEFFREY ROSS GUNTER, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF ICELAND.

### UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

JOHN BARSA, OF FLORIDA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

RICHARD C. PARKER, OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JAMES S. GILMORE, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE, WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR.

KATE MARIE BYRNES, OF FLORIDA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA.

### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

MICHAEL G. BAILEY, OF ARIZONA, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

BRENT R. BUNN, OF IDAHO, TO BE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE DISTRICT OF IDAHO FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

ERIC S. GARTNER, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

TIMOTHY J. DOWNING, OF OKLAHOMA, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

WILLIAM TRAVIS BROWN, JR., OF LOUISIANA, TO BE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

MICHAEL BLAINE EAST, OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

### IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

### To be brigadier general

COL. EDWARD S. SMITH

### IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

### To be brigadier general

COL. MARCUS B. ANNIBALE  
COL. MELVIN G. CARTER  
COL. ROBERT C. FULFORD  
COL. JOSEPH A. MATOS III  
COL. JASON L. MORRIS  
COL. THOMAS B. SAVAGE  
COL. DANIEL L. SHIPLEY  
COL. JAMES B. WELLONS  
COL. BRIAN N. WOLFORD

### IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

### To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. DUANE A. GAMBLE

### IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

### To be vice admiral

REAR ADM. SCOTT D. CONN

### IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ARMY AND APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 601 AND 7033:

### To be general

GEN. JAMES C. MCCONVILLE

### IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

### To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. MARC H. SASSEVILLE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

### To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. ERIC T. FICK

### IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS VICE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ARMY AND APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 601 AND 7034:

### To be general

LT. GEN. JOSEPH M. MARTIN

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

### To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. LAURA J. RICHARDSON

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

### To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. ROBERT P. WHITE

### IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

### To be vice admiral

VICE ADM. WILLIAM R. MERZ

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

### To be vice admiral

REAR ADM. ROSS A. MYERS

### IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

### To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. ERIC M. SMITH

### IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

### To be general

LT. GEN. ARNOLD W. BUNCH, JR.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

### To be brigadier general

COL. DAVID A. HARRIS, JR.

### IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS AND APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 601 AND 8033:

### To be admiral

ADM. WILLIAM F. MORAN

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS VICE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS AND APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 601 AND 8035:

### To be admiral

VICE ADM. ROBERT P. BURKE

### IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

### To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. HERMAN S. CLARDY III

### IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

### To be major general

BRIG. GEN. PETER B. ANDRYSIK, JR.  
BRIG. GEN. JONATHAN P. BRAGA

BRIG. GEN. JOHN W. BRENNAN, JR.  
 BRIG. GEN. MIGUEL A. CORREA  
 BRIG. GEN. CLEMENT S. COWARD, JR.  
 BRIG. GEN. PATRICK J. DONAHOE  
 BRIG. GEN. CHRISTOPHER T. DONAHUE  
 BRIG. GEN. SCOTT L. EFFLANDT  
 BRIG. GEN. MICHAEL R. FENZEL  
 BRIG. GEN. DAVID J. FRANCIS  
 BRIG. GEN. BRADLEY T. GERICKE  
 BRIG. GEN. NEIL S. HERSEY  
 BRIG. GEN. LONNIE G. HIBBARD  
 BRIG. GEN. DIANA M. HOLLAND  
 BRIG. GEN. OMAR J. JONES IV  
 BRIG. GEN. STEPHEN J. MARANIAN  
 BRIG. GEN. MATTHEW W. MCFARLANE  
 BRIG. GEN. CHRISTOPHER O. MOHAN  
 BRIG. GEN. LAURA A. POTTER  
 BRIG. GEN. THOMAS A. PUGH  
 BRIG. GEN. ROBERT A. RASCH, JR.  
 BRIG. GEN. JOHN B. RICHARDSON IV  
 BRIG. GEN. KENNETH T. ROYAR  
 BRIG. GEN. STEPHEN G. SMITH  
 BRIG. GEN. THOMAS H. TODD III  
 BRIG. GEN. KEVIN VEREEN  
 BRIG. GEN. ROBERT F. WHITTLE, JR.  
 BRIG. GEN. DAVID WILSON

#### IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12212:

#### *To be brigadier general*

COL. TRACY D. SMITH

THE FOLLOWING NAMED AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12212:

#### *To be brigadier general*

COL. FRANK W. ROY

#### IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

#### *To be lieutenant general*

MAJ. GEN. LEOPOLDO A. QUINTAS, JR.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

#### *To be major general*

BRIG. GEN. KENNETH A. NAVA

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

#### *To be major general*

BRIG. GEN. FRANCIS J. EVON, JR.  
 BRIG. GEN. DAVID J. MIKOLAITIES

THE FOLLOWING ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

#### *To be major general*

BRIG. GEN. MARK J. SCHINDLER

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADES INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

#### *To be major general*

BRIG. GEN. JOHN F. HUSSEY  
 BRIG. GEN. ANDREW J. JUKNELIS

#### *To be brigadier general*

COL. JAN C. NORRIS  
 COL. MICHAEL K. PYLE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

#### *To be brigadier general*

COL. NICOLE M. BALLIET  
 COL. JAMES A. BENSON  
 COL. BRIAN D. BOBO  
 COL. RODNEY C. BOYD  
 COL. ANDRE J. CHEVALIER  
 COL. MICHAEL N. CLEVELAND  
 COL. AMY F. COOK  
 COL. TIMOTHY D. COVINGTON  
 COL. RONALD A. CUPPLES  
 COL. JAMIE J. DAILEY  
 COL. RONNIE B. DELFOUX  
 COL. THOMAS C. FULMOTO  
 COL. DOYLE GILLIS, JR.  
 COL. CHARLES D. HAUSMAN  
 COL. CINDY H. HAYGOOD  
 COL. LYNN M. HENG  
 COL. LARRY L. HENRY  
 COL. SCOTT W. HIPAKKA  
 COL. CHRISTINE L. HOFFMANN  
 COL. BRYAN M. HOWAY

COL. JACK A. JAMES  
 COL. NICK JOHNSON  
 COL. ROBERT J. LARKIN  
 COL. JOHN A. LEBLANC  
 COL. DAVID A. LOPINA  
 COL. CORWIN J. LUSK  
 COL. ROGER D. LYLES  
 COL. THOMAS H. MANCINO  
 COL. TIMOTHY S. MCLAUGHLIN  
 COL. ALBERTO L. MIRANDA  
 COL. JENNIFER R. MITCHELL  
 COL. JESSE M. MOREHOUSE  
 COL. ALAN B. NAUGHER  
 COL. JOHN T. OAKLEY  
 COL. DOUGLAS A. PAUL  
 COL. JOHN A. PELLERITI  
 COL. JOHN J. PERKINS  
 COL. DEAN A. PRESTON  
 COL. STEPHEN L. RHOADES  
 COL. CHRISTOPHER S. SANDISON  
 COL. STEPHEN E. SCHEMENAUER  
 COL. MATTHEW D. SMITH  
 COL. WALLACE E. STEINBRECHER  
 COL. ROBIN B. STILWELL  
 COL. CRAIG W. STRONG  
 COL. BLAIR E. TINKHAM  
 COL. MICHAEL A. TOUGHER III  
 COL. MICHAEL E. WEGSCHEIDER  
 COL. BRIAN F. WERTZLER  
 COL. RICHARD A. WHOLEY  
 COL. RICHARD D. WILSON  
 COL. JOHN J. WOJCIK  
 COL. JAMES A. ZOLLAR

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

#### *To be brigadier general*

COL. BRADLEY J. COX  
 COL. CARL C. DANBERG  
 COL. DANIEL H. DENT  
 COL. RALPH R. ROBOVSKY  
 COL. ADAM C. VOLANT

THE FOLLOWING ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADES INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

#### *To be brigadier general*

COL. ANDREW C. DIEFENTHALER  
 COL. JAMES M. JONES

#### IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

#### *To be vice admiral*

REAR ADM. SEAN S. BUCK

#### IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

#### *To be lieutenant general*

LT. GEN. JOHN J. BROADMEADOW

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

#### *To be lieutenant general*

LT. GEN. BRIAN D. BEAUDREAULT

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

#### *To be lieutenant general*

LT. GEN. GEORGE W. SMITH, JR.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

#### *To be lieutenant general*

LT. GEN. ROBERT F. HEDELUND

#### IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADES INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

#### *To be major general*

BRIG. GEN. RODNEY L. FAULK  
 BRIG. GEN. DEBORAH L. KOTULICH  
 BRIG. GEN. FREDERICK R. MAIOCCO  
 BRIG. GEN. GREGORY J. MOSSER  
 BRIG. GEN. JOHN H. PHILLIPS  
 BRIG. GEN. JOE D. ROBINSON  
 BRIG. GEN. ALBERTO C. ROSENDE  
 BRIG. GEN. RICHARD C. STAATS, JR.  
 BRIG. GEN. KEVIN C. WULFHORST

#### *To be brigadier general*

COL. TIMOTHY E. BRENNAN  
 COL. CARY J. COWAN, JR.  
 COL. CHRISTOPHER J. DZIUBEK  
 COL. JEFFREY M. FARRIS  
 COL. ROBERT E. GUIDRY  
 COL. MICHELLE A. LINK  
 COL. LAURENCE S. LINTON  
 COL. PAMELA L. MCGAHA  
 COL. STEVEN B. MCLAUGHLIN  
 COL. JOSEPH A. PAPPENFUS  
 COL. JOSEPH A. RICCIARDI  
 COL. PATRICIA R. WALLACE  
 COL. DAVID P. WARSHAW  
 COL. STUART E. WERNER  
 COL. WANDA N. WILLIAMS

#### IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

#### *To be lieutenant general*

MAJ. GEN. DAVID S. NAHOM

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10 U.S.C., SECTION 601:

#### *To be lieutenant general*

LT. GEN. MARSHALL B. WEBB

#### IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

#### *To be brigadier general*

COL. JACK M. DAVIS  
 COL. PAULA C. LODI  
 COL. MARK W. THOMPSON

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

#### *To be major general*

BRIG. GEN. JEFFERY D. BROADWATER

#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

BRIDGET A. BRINK, OF MICHIGAN, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC.

JOHN JEFFERSON DAIGLE, OF LOUISIANA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF CABO VERDE.

MATTHEW S. KLIMOW, OF NEW YORK, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR EXECUTIVE SERVICE, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO TURKMENISTAN.

#### IN THE AIR FORCE

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF CHRISTOPHER B. ATHEARN, TO BE COLONEL.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH ERIKA O. BERNARDO AND ENDING WITH CAROLE M. Y. VILLAMARIA, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 11, 2019.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH COREY T. BEALS AND ENDING WITH CHRISTOPHER R. WILLIAMS, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 11, 2019.

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF DANIEL W. SCHLIEDER, TO BE MAJOR.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH DEBORAH J. ANGELES AND ENDING WITH KERI L. YOUNG, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 11, 2019.

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF DOUGLAS P. WICKERT, TO BE COLONEL.

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF RICHARD T. COONEY, JR., TO BE COLONEL.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH TAMMIE A. CANADA AND ENDING WITH DOUGLAS N. SCHNEEKLOTH, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 29, 2019.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH ALEXANDER A. ADELEYE AND ENDING WITH DESBAH R. YAZZIE, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 29, 2019.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH LEO J. BURKARDT AND ENDING WITH DAVID M. MAURER, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 29, 2019.

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF TANN S. JONES, TO BE MAJOR.

## IN THE ARMY

ARMY NOMINATION OF THEODORE W. KLEISNER, TO BE COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF ROBERT W. HUGHES, TO BE COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF LARRY R. JORDAN, JR., TO BE COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF KONTRINA S. PARK, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATION OF MARCUS L. JORDAN, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH ROBERT M. HUDSON AND ENDING WITH JAMES D. SIZEMORE, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 4, 2019.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH JOHN E. CALLIHAN II AND ENDING WITH JEFFREY F. RYAN, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 4, 2019.

ARMY NOMINATION OF BOGUSLAW A. AUGUSTYN, TO BE COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH JAMES R. ACHENBACH AND ENDING WITH KEITH B. WEBER, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 4, 2019.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH KEITH A. ARCHIBALD AND ENDING WITH FRANK L. WITSBERGER, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 4, 2019.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH TIMOTHY B. ALEXANDER AND ENDING WITH WING Y. YU, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 4, 2019.

ARMY NOMINATION OF CHRISTOPHER L. METZGER, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATION OF JONATHAN W. ANDERSON, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATION OF BRIAN J. REED, TO BE COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF THOMAS J. WARGO, TO BE COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF TERRENCE SOMMERS, TO BE COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF DAVID M. ROZELLE, TO BE COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF TONY L. DEDMOND, JR., TO BE COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF RAY G. MCCULLOCH II, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF CORY J. COUSINS, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF DAMON L. AUGUSTINE, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF PAUL J. STAMBAUGH, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF BRENTON D. GRIFFITH, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF ANDREW E. RADBILL, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH RICHARD ELIAS AND ENDING WITH WILLIAM A. WATTS, WHICH NOMINA-

TIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 29, 2019.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH MARLON G. BURNS AND ENDING WITH MICHAEL F. WOOD, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 29, 2019.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH PAUL R. BARBO AND ENDING WITH MARK A. WURTH, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 29, 2019.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH FREDERICK W. ALF III AND ENDING WITH MICHAEL D. LEWIS, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 29, 2019.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH TIMOTHY S. ADAMS AND ENDING WITH DENNIS R. TURNER, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 30, 2019.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH CAROL A. ANDERSON AND ENDING WITH ABDUL R. WILLIS, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 30, 2019.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH THOMAS A. BRYANT AND ENDING WITH ARTHUR F. YEAGER, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 30, 2019.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH JEREMY J. BEARSS AND ENDING WITH MICHELLE THOMPSON, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 30, 2019.

ARMY NOMINATION OF REBECCA A. BRAWNER, TO BE MAJOR.

## IN THE MARINE CORPS

MARINE CORPS NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH LESLIE S. ALBERS AND ENDING WITH SEAN E. ZUKOWSKY, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 11, 2019.

## IN THE NAVY

NAVY NOMINATION OF STEVEN J. DEBICH, TO BE COMMANDER.

NAVY NOMINATION OF NEIL PARTAIN, TO BE COMMANDER.

NAVY NOMINATION OF ROBERT G. GRAHAM, TO BE LIEUTENANT COMMANDER.

NAVY NOMINATION OF LAURA C. GILSTRAP, TO BE COMMANDER.

NAVY NOMINATION OF MICHAEL K. WAGNER, TO BE CAPTAIN.

NAVY NOMINATION OF JASON T. STEPP, TO BE CAPTAIN.

NAVY NOMINATION OF STEPHEN C. PLEW, TO BE CAPTAIN.

NAVY NOMINATION OF MICHAEL D. KRISMAN, TO BE CAPTAIN.

NAVY NOMINATION OF MICHAEL J. CIRIVELLO, TO BE COMMANDER.

NAVY NOMINATION OF ZACHARY J. CONLEY, TO BE COMMANDER.

NAVY NOMINATION OF BRENTONE E. HELBIG, TO BE COMMANDER.

NAVY NOMINATION OF PATRICK H. O'MAHONEY, TO BE CAPTAIN.

NAVY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH GUY W. JENSEN AND ENDING WITH VENITA M. SIMPSON, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 4, 2019.

NAVY NOMINATION OF MARISSA A. MAYOR, TO BE LIEUTENANT COMMANDER.

NAVY NOMINATION OF ADAM C. HANCOCK, TO BE CAPTAIN.

NAVY NOMINATION OF JOHN J. EASTMAN, TO BE COMMANDER.

NAVY NOMINATION OF TERENCE B. MCADOO, TO BE LIEUTENANT COMMANDER.

NAVY NOMINATION OF DONALD A. SINITIERE, TO BE LIEUTENANT COMMANDER.

NAVY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH ROBERT H. BATTLE AND ENDING WITH KEITH E. WILBER, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 11, 2019.

NAVY NOMINATION OF RILEY A. WALLS, TO BE LIEUTENANT COMMANDER.

NAVY NOMINATION OF BENJAMIN D. ADAMS, TO BE LIEUTENANT COMMANDER.

NAVY NOMINATION OF JESSICA M. MILLER, TO BE LIEUTENANT COMMANDER.

NAVY NOMINATION OF FRANK R. BITTNER, TO BE LIEUTENANT COMMANDER.

NAVY NOMINATION OF DAVID M. GROVES, TO BE LIEUTENANT COMMANDER.

## FOREIGN SERVICE

FOREIGN SERVICE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH KENNETH H. MERTEN AND ENDING WITH KEVIN M. WHITAKER, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON MARCH 25, 2019.

FOREIGN SERVICE NOMINATION OF LISA ANNE RIGOLI. FOREIGN SERVICE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH TIMOTHY RYAN HARRISON AND ENDING WITH RACHEL LYNNE VANDERBERG, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 10, 2019.

## WITHDRAWAL

Executive Message transmitted by the President to the Senate on May 23, 2019 withdrawing from further Senate consideration the following nomination:

SCOTT A. MUGNO, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF LABOR, VICE DAVID MORRIS MICHAELS, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON JANUARY 16, 2019.

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### RECOGNIZING PHỞ 79 FOR BEING AWARDED THE JAMES BEARD FOUNDATION AWARD

SPEECH OF

**HON. HARLEY ROUDA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 22, 2019*

Mr. ROUDA. Madam Speaker, today I'd like to recognize Phở 79 for receiving the James Beard Foundation Award in the America's Classics category. These awards are also known as the "Oscars of the Food World", and the America's Classics category rewards, "quality food that reflects the character of their community". Phở 79, founded by Liễu Trần and Thọ Trần, is in California's 48th Congressional District in Garden Grove and was one of the original businesses that comprised what would become Little Saigon.

Founded in 1982 as one of the first phở restaurants in Southern California, Phở 79, with its cozy and modest atmosphere, belies the nondescript corner of Garden Grove it sits on. The restaurant introduced Americans to that eponymous broth soup of Vietnamese cuisine, served with meatballs, tenderloin, or tripe and seasoned with bean sprouts, lime, mint leaves, and pepper. But, of course, the restaurant continues to garner acclaim for its signature oxtail soup.

Just as the restaurant introduced Americans to some of the best examples of Vietnamese cuisine, Phở 79, if only during a meal, reconnected Orange County's Vietnamese-American refugee community to their homeland—including those who came seeking asylum in the days and years following the Vietnam War and the children and grandchildren of those refugees. Those memories are reflected in the restaurant's name, which commemorates the year that the Trầns arrived in the United States. Their story is a testament to entrepreneurship, hard work, and the strength of the Vietnamese-American community.

With the Trần family continuing to prepare the food and work the restaurant, Phở 79 remains a fixture in Little Saigon and has played a crucial role in pioneering Vietnamese cuisine in California's 48th District and across Southern California. Their James Beard Foundation Award in the America's Classics category is richly deserved, and I give to them my warmest congratulations and best wishes for continued success.

### THE WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE CENTEN- NIAL AND THE EVERY WORD WE UTTER STATUE

**HON. JOE NEGUSE**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. NEGUSE. Madam Speaker, this week we honored the 100th anniversary of the House passage of the 19th Amendment.

One hundred years ago on May 21st, the House passed HJR 1 proposing an amendment to the Constitution extending the right to vote to women. It took just over a year to ratify this amendment, forever enshrining women's right to vote in our Constitution.

At the forefront of this effort was a diverse group of women. From their first official call for equality at the Seneca Falls Convention, across multiple generations, from farms and villages throughout our nation, women organized, educated, and demanded enfranchisement. Through this brave and enduring movement, women received the vote.

It is in tribute to the fearlessly bold women who championed equality in our nation that I stand before you today, and ask for your support of H.R. 473 to establish the first outdoor statue dedicated to the Suffrage movement in Washington, D.C.

I want to ensure that my daughter and every girl growing up alongside her feel represented and are assured of the fundamental role they play in our society. Passing H.R. 473 and establishing this monument is a critical way to guarantee just that, and to inspire the next generation to continue advocating for justice and equality for one another and for all who will follow them. I urge your support for H.R. 473.

### RECOGNIZING JIM SARGENT OF GREAT FALLS

**HON. GREG GIANFORTE**

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jim Sargent of Great Falls, a strong, reliable advocate for Montana's agricultural and veterans organizations as well as Montana Special Olympics. As a media and public relations professional, Sarge has volunteered countless hours to promote outreach and fundraising efforts for these and other civic groups.

"Sarge," as he is known to his friends and radio listeners, grew up on a farm near Chester, in northcentral Montana. He began his media career 28 years ago covering agriculture news and sporting events. Sarge says the strength of Montana's close-knit communities grounds his connection to ag and civic organizations.

In his service to Montana's agricultural organizations, Sarge is closely involved with the Montana FFA Association and Montana 4-H, helping promote and host events for both groups. He also helped launch the Electric City FFA chapter. Both organizations have recognized Sarge with distinguished service awards.

"Jim has always jumped in with both feet where ever we needed him," said Jim Rose, state advisor for Montana FFA. "He's invaluable as a promoter, but I think his biggest contribution is in the support and encouragement

he gives our youth. He helps them gain confidence in their abilities and develop their leadership skills."

A member of the Montana Farm Bureau Federation, Sarge served as membership director, and he served as vice president of the Cascade County Farm Bureau.

For the past five years, Sarge has helped promote and host the Stand Down in Great Falls. The event is a benefits fair for Montana veterans and active-duty members of the military. Organizations at the event provide services, including clothing, health care services, and other resources and benefits.

Sarge also contributes his time and talents to Montana Special Olympics. A past president of the Great Falls chapter, Sarge regularly hosts events and fundraisers for the organization. Jim and Sue, his wife of 35 years, also sponsor the Exceptional Rodeo for the group. In 2018, the organization recognized Jim as its Media Personality of the Year.

Madam Speaker, for selflessly dedicating his time and talents to Montana's civic organizations, from our agricultural and veterans groups to Montana Special Olympics, I recognize Jim Sargent for his spirit of Montana.

### QUIET COMMUNITIES ACT OF 2019

**HON. GRACE MENG**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the millions of Americans who suffer from noise pollution caused by aircrafts. Noise from aircraft is a constant source of torment, even if you don't live right near an airport, but under a regular flight path. Chronic exposure to excessive noise can lead to sleep deprivation, task interruptions, among other negative consequences which result in untold costs on society in diminished work productivity.

That is why today, I introduced the "Quiet Communities Act of 2019". This bill would reestablish the Office of Noise Abatement and Control (ONAC) in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Noise abatement programs across the country currently lie dormant. While the EPA retains the authority to study noise effects and make recommendations to mitigate these effects and limit environmental exposure to noise, it is unable to practically do so without a functioning ONAC.

As population growth and air traffic continue to increase, noise pollution is likely to become an even greater problem in the future. Currently, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is tasked with air transport-related noise concerns. It is responsible for developing flight paths and regulating the airline industry, but the FAA neither has the resources nor the mission priorities to adequately address intolerable levels of noise.

Madam Speaker, it is time to allow the EPA the resources it requires to resume its role in combating noise pollution and include flight

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noise in its jurisdiction by re-establishing ONAC. This bill would also require the EPA Administrator to carry out a study of airport noise and examine the FAA's selection of noise measurement methodologies, health impact thresholds, and abatement program effectiveness.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this critical legislation—so that Congress does its part to help alleviate the aviation noise issues that impacts the health and welfare of Americans across our nation.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE MEDICARE IVIG ENHANCEMENT ACT

#### HON. GEORGE HOLDING

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. HOLDING. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the month of May as GBS/CIDP Awareness Month. I encourage my colleagues to join me in supporting those impacted by CIDP and a related disorder, MMN, by co-sponsoring H.R. 2905, the Medicare IVIG Enhancement Act.

Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP) is a rare and debilitating autoimmune disorder that affects the peripheral nerves. Multifocal Motor Neuropathy (MMN) is a related rare disorder in which one's nerves are attacked by their own immune system. Both conditions have a devastating impact on quality of life and require intensive care.

While CIDP and MMN patients may eventually develop resistance to common treatments and therapies, intravenous immune globulin (IVIG) therapy, a form of plasma therapy, has proven to be a safer and more effective alternative for treatment.

Please join me in supporting the Medicare IVIG Enhancement Act, which would provide CIDP and MMN patients the opportunity to receive IVIG therapy in their homes, which will improve quality of life for patients and caregivers alike.

#### IN REMEMBRANCE OF ROBERT PEAR

#### HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the life and service of Robert Pear, a longtime reporter for the New York Times, and someone who has been critical to the conversation around health care for more 40 years. Robert Pear was a fixture in the Halls of Congress with his unassuming style, quiet voice and insightful questions. Robert spent countless hours in the Ways and Means Committee room reporting on health care debates of our generation—the Clinton Health Care legislation, Medicare Part D and the Affordable Care Act. Robert's knowledge and expertise were unrivaled. His ability to take complex issues and present them in a clear and concise manner was a testament to his understanding of the policy but also what the American people needed to know.

Robert was born in our nation's capital on June 12, 1949 to Philip and Marion Pear. Growing up in our nation's capital, Robert was immediately fascinated with policy and politics—even leading him to produce “The Pear Press” while in high school. He later went on to Harvard University, where he worked on the literary magazine “The Advocate” and eventually graduated magna cum laude in 1971. He would then go on to earn his Master of Philosophy from Balliol College in Oxford, and a Master's in Journalism from Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism.

Robert joined The New York Times in 1981. It was here that he was able to communicate the complexity of issues such as health care with remarkable clarity. It was his meticulous, exacting reporting that most recently helped keep the American public informed and engaged on the failed Republican “repeal-and-replace” efforts in 2017. Robert made it his life's duty to ensure the American people fully understood the intricacies of Washington. Over his 40 years with the New York Times, he helped produce or support more than 6,700 New York Times articles.

Many a member or press secretary can recount stories of picking up the phone and hearing Robert's distinctive voice on the other end of the line late at night or early in the morning, working to glean one more insight or critical piece of information for his next article. His follow up questions on both the politics and substance showed he keenly understood the currents swirling well below the surface. While Robert Pear will be missed by all who had the pleasure to get to know him, he will be remembered for his critical work, his persistence, and his lifelong commitment to public service and the American people.

#### IN HONOR OF STAFF SERGEANT ROBERT STANTON

#### HON. DAVID LOESACK

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. LOESACK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of SSgt. Robert Stanton of Davenport, Iowa. On December 11, 1942, at just 18 years of age, Robert enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and went on to serve as a Gunner in Marine Scout Bomber Squad 142. On March 24, 1945, while flying over the Philippines, engine trouble caused a forced landing on Panay Island. SSgt. Stanton was taken as a prisoner of war by Japanese forces and killed soon after. SSgt. Stanton left behind his loving family, including his father, Bryan Jennings Stanton, and mother, Harriett Elizabeth Conley.

As a military parent, I am honored to recognize the bravery of a fellow Iowan who answered the call to serve at just 18 and tragically died as a prisoner of war. Before serving his country in World War II, Robert Stanton was an amateur boxer known for his knockout punch. A fighter to the end, SSgt. Stanton made the ultimate sacrifice for his nation. For his sacrifice, and the sacrifice of all the men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces, we must never forget their service and remain eternally grateful.

#### HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES

#### HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the University of California, Los Angeles upon its centennial anniversary.

Established in 1919, UCLA is geographically the smallest of the UC campuses, yet the largest student body. Nearly one third of current undergraduates are first-generation students and more than 35% of current undergraduates receive Pell Grants. Notably, UCLA is the most applied to university for undergraduate education and the highest ranked public university in the country, according to the U.S. News and World Report in 2019. UCLA's graduates have gone on to achieve great success and merit in a variety of professional fields, including 13 MacArthur Fellows, 3 Pulitzer Prize winners, and 38 Academy Award winners. Impressively, UCLA has also produced 14 Nobel Prize winners, including Ralph J. Bunche, the first person of color to receive a Nobel Peace Prize.

It is no surprise to learn that UCLA is a vital contributor to the California economy, contributing \$11 billion annually, including \$4 billion in the Los Angeles area. During the 2016–2017 school year alone, 251 patents were issued to UCLA and 24 startup companies launched using technologies developed at UCLA. UCLA's athletic programs are among the best in the nation, with UCLA Bruins having won 261 Olympic medals, 133 of which were gold.

UCLA is a wonderful resource to the Los Angeles region, California, and the nation as a whole, providing an outstanding education to students from a variety of backgrounds.

It is my pleasure to honor UCLA for marking 100 years of exceptional achievement. I ask all members to join me in commending their accomplishments.

#### HONORING JUDGE WILEY DANIEL

#### HON. JOE NEGUSE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. NEGUSE. Madam Speaker, today I offer you my heartfelt condolences to the Daniel family on the loss of their father and husband Judge Wiley Daniel. Judge Daniel was a chief judge for the U.S. District Court of Colorado and was my home state's first African-American federal judge.

Judge Daniel was not only an incredible legal mind, but also a role model for aspiring attorneys. I was lucky enough to try several cases in Judge Daniel's court, and found him to be tough and fair-minded, always pushing the attorneys before him to present the best and most sound case that we could put forward. He made each of us better at our craft.

Being a “first” for any community is difficult and brave, but if the work stops at getting through the door, then it does not leave a true legacy. Judge Daniel was the first through but then spent so much of his energy ensuring

that door remained open and welcoming for every generation that followed. In my mind, his legacy is not just that he was the first, it is that he ensured he would not be the last.

I am grateful to have known Judge Daniel and ask that my colleagues join me in sending condolences to the family of this pioneer of our legal system and inspiration to our entire nation.

IN HONOR OF THE VA ANN ARBOR  
HEALTHCARE SYSTEM FOR  
THEIR EXEMPLARY SERVICE

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System for their critical work providing medical services to our nation's veterans. Their continued excellence in patient-centered healthcare is worthy of commendation.

Since its foundation in 1953, the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System has provided essential healthcare services to veterans throughout Michigan and northwestern Ohio. The main campus operates as a referral center for complex specialty care and boasts state-of-the-art facilities and several satellite outpatient clinics. Beyond the medical care it offers, VAAHS is a major research center, participating in over 400 active studies in basic science, health services, and rehabilitation.

The VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System stands as a role model in providing exemplary healthcare to our nation's veterans. Their work has had a profound impact on Michigan and Ohio by ensuring access to preventive and active treatment. We thank VAAHS and its staff for their continued dedication to providing high-quality medical services to veterans, supporting clinical research, and promoting education on public health programs. We also congratulate the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System as they begin construction of a new veteran welcome center. Once finished, this new structure will expand the available capacity of the medical center and expedite critical care for its visitors.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System for their exemplary work in healthcare access, education, and research. Their efforts have been instrumental in ensuring care for the brave servicemen and women that protect our country.

CELEBRATING THE 100 YEAR  
ANNIVERSARY OF UCLA

**HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. MCCARTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the University of California, Los Angeles, which has distinguished itself as one of the finest institutions of higher learning in the State of California and across the country.

In the past 100 years, 14 Nobel Prize winners, 13 MacArthur Fellows, 9 National Medal

of Science winners, 3 Pulitzer Prize winners, 1 Field Medalist, 2 Turing Award winners, and 38 Academy Award winners have called UCLA home. Every year, UCLA receives more applications for admission than any other university. It is for these reasons and more that UCLA was ranked this year as the number one public university in the country by U.S. News and World Report.

The influence of UCLA and its impact on California is wide-reaching and expansive. Even in my district, two hours away from Westwood, thousands of constituents call UCLA their alma mater. UCLA's influence in my district cannot be overstated. For many students who are unfamiliar with the challenges of applying for college, UCLA provides mentorship and a tangible path to higher education, actively organizing workshops and school visits to guide them. UCLA does not limit itself to just educating the next generation of leaders; it has tracked groundwater loss in my district and throughout the Central Valley, demonstrating the need to expand our current water storage and infrastructure. As many people know, UCLA's Ronald Reagan Medical Center provides world-class care for countless individuals, but it also directs clinical trials back home in my district—ensuring that the residents of the 23rd District receive cutting-edge treatment and care. On behalf of California's 23rd District, I am proud to congratulate UCLA on 100 years of great accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE,  
LEGACY, AND SERVICE OF MAS-  
TER SERGEANT DONALD  
CHARLES BETTINE

**HON. MIKE GALLAGHER**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life, legacy, and service of Master Sergeant Donald Charles Bettine.

MSG Bettine passed away on Monday, April 29, 2019 at the age of 89. He was born in Green Bay on August 12, 1929 to Charles and Elva Bettine.

After graduating from Central Catholic High School in 1947, he enlisted in the U.S. Army. Upon completion of basic training, MSG Bettine went to Japan where he was an instructor in the Eight Army Ordinance School. After a brief return to the U.S., he was deployed to Korea to serve in the Korean War. As a part of the 3rd Infantry, he participated in the evacuation of Hungnam in 1950. MSG Bettine charged enemy snipers in a frontal attack, allowing his platoon to advance forward. For this display of bravery, he earned his Bronze Star with the "V" for Valor. Dubbed the "Christmas Miracle," the incredible evacuation resulted in the rescue of nearly 200,000 troops and civilian refugees.

After his service in the Korean War, MSG Bettine was stationed near Moscow, Idaho where he met the love of his life, Evelyn Sumner. They were married on December 19, 1953, and shortly after relocated to Germany, where he was stationed for 4 years. Following his time in Germany, he was stationed in several places across the U.S., and was later sent to Korea for a second time where he was stationed in Seoul. During his time in Seoul,

MSG Bettine became heavily involved in one of the local orphanages, dedicating his time to the children there. Upon his return to the states, MSG Bettine was assigned to Fort McCoy. He retired from active duty in 1968.

Following his retirement from active duty, MSG Bettine continued his service to others as the JrROTC instructor at Premontre High School in Green Bay, WI where he taught for over 20 years. Affectionately known as "Sarge," MSG Bettine strived to instill the values and lessons he learned during his time in the military to his students. MSG Bettine took an active interest in his students' futures, and often followed their careers through the Armed Forces. It was not unusual for him and his students to stay in touch years after their graduation.

MSG Bettine joined the Knights of Columbus in his late 20s, and he was ultimately honored for over 60 years of service. In line with his character and values, he joined the Knights of Columbus to serve his community beyond his service in the military. He was a Fourth Degree Knight and served as District Deputy, Programs Coordinator, and District Marshall.

Words cannot justly thank MSG Bettine for his many years of service to our country. My sincerest condolences go to his family.

BIRTHDAY OF DR. IRENE HUSTON

**HON. MARK DeSAULNIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of a long-time community leader, Dr. Irene Huston.

In her early years, Irene and her family moved from Mississippi to the Bay Area in the "Second Great Migration" to escape racist labor and housing practices. Irene attended Contra Costa College before earning a Bachelor's Degree from International Seminary in Plymouth, Florida. Today, Dr. Huston holds graduate degrees from Phoenix University, Antioch Christian University, and Elbon-Solutions College of Ministry, as well as an honorary degree from the National Theological Seminary of the Commonwealth University.

Although her interests and successes cast a wide net—she has served as a lecturer at San Jose State University, opened her own clothing boutique, and authored several books and a play—her focus has always been the church.

Dr. Huston has been in the ministry for 50 years, and has devoted the majority of this time to supporting women and families. She is internationally ordained and has ministered around the world, including in India, Nigeria, England, and Israel. Additionally, at home in California, she worked with the West Contra Costa Unified School District's adult education program.

Irene has founded a number of faith-based service organizations, including Irene's Women's Faith Foundation, and she continues her efforts today to motivate and empower young women and serve her community.

Please join me in wishing Dr. Irene Huston a happy 81st birthday, and in thanking her for a life of service and dedication.



HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF JEFFREY McDONALD OF CAR-  
MEL, INDIANA

**HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Jeffrey McDonald, an enterprising entrepreneur, youth mentor, and community leader. Born in Woodland, California on April 5, 1967, to Alan and Mary McDonald, Jeffrey would come to Indiana and graduate from Indiana University, earning a Bachelor of Science in Business and Marketing. Jeffrey was known throughout his community for his selfless leadership in business and his desire to help those in need of guidance to reach their full potential.

As longtime lauded business leaders in their community, Jeffrey and his wife Shelli McDonald started their e-commerce pet food and treat supply business, Raw Paws Pet Food, in 2014. Their mission in business was not only to provide a profitable living for themselves and their employees, but to create products that better served the health of pets through proper nutrition and diet. Sourcing their products from responsible and ethical farms they have become leaders in their industry.

Beyond his many successes in the business world, Jeffrey's impact was also felt throughout his community through his participation and exemplary leadership in philanthropic organizations. Jeffrey served on the boards of many community groups including The United Way, The Indianapolis Zoo, and The Young Presidents' Organization (YPO). Jeffrey's community engagement allowed him to pursue his passions of animal welfare and the empowerment of women. His remarkable talent for connecting with people ensured that his vital work with these organizations made a lasting impact on Central Indiana, not to be forgotten.

His achievements show us the immense influence one person can have within their community and inspire us to aim higher. Jeffrey had the unique ability to see the best in every one of life's situations. His caring and genuine nature put those around him at ease, and his zest for life was infectious to those in his presence.

On behalf of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District, I extend my deepest condolences to Jeffrey's wife Shelli, and numerous friends and relatives who mourn his loss.

IN HONOR OF KARL W. MICHLER

**HON. ANDY BARR**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a special man, Mr. Karl Michler of Lexington, Kentucky. Mr. Michler is part of a special group of heroes that served our nation during World War II. Mr. Michler celebrates his 99th birthday on June 5.

Mr. Michler enlisted in the service at the age of 22. He was a proud member of the United

States Army. He served as a medical corpsman. His assignments took him to locations in the United States, France and Germany. He served for 4 years and was honorably discharged in February of 1946.

Mr. Michler returned home and married Jean Vogt. Following his service in the Army, he took over the family business, Michler's, which was started by his grandfather Carl Michler in 1900. He continued that very successful business for many years. His son, John, and later his grandson, Robin, kept the business growing and thriving.

Mr. Michler and his fellow veterans are true heroes. As members of the "Greatest Generation", they willingly served to protect and defend the freedoms that we enjoy today. I am humbled to honor the service of Mr. Karl W. Michler and to celebrate his upcoming 99th birthday before the United States Congress.

RECOGNIZING PRESIDENT HARRY  
S. TRUMAN'S LEGACY IN FIRE  
PREVENTION, FIRE SAFETY, AND  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION

**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, between May 5 and 7 of this year, national leaders representing every facet of the fire service gathered together in Key West, Florida for three days of discussions on the future of fire prevention, public education, and fire service challenges in general. They attended the event at the invitation of the Harry S. Truman Foundation. Each year, the Truman Foundation conducts an annual symposium at the Truman Little White House to reflect on the legacy of our nation's 33rd President. The theme of the 2019 symposium was, "Truman's Legacy Towards Fire Prevention, Fire Safety, and Historic Preservation." In 1947, President Truman convened a conference on fire prevention following a series of devastating fires that captured the attention of the nation. Hundreds of representatives from government, business, non-government organizations, and the fire service attended the Washington conference. In his remarks to the attendees, Truman stated, "Safety from fire should not be a topic for discussion during only one or two weeks of the year. It is definitely a year-round public responsibility." Seventy-two years later, President Truman's words inspired the assembly of prominent fire service leaders to meet in Key West.

The Truman Foundation asked the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation to serve as a co-facilitator of the recent program. By every account, both organizations did an exemplary job in conducting the event. Presentations by notable fire service leaders addressed a broad range of issues that span the important work in fire prevention. For example, on the third day, the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation conducted a forum to identify key areas for advancing fire prevention in our nation. Watching the recent success in Florida, I remain so impressed by the ability of the national fire organizations to work together to address the needs of firefighters and public safe-

ty. This ability is something I have witnessed throughout my years as a co-Chair of the Congressional Fire Services Caucus.

Seventy-two years have passed since the 1947 conference, and during that time, the number of victims dying in fires has decreased to approximately 3,000 each year. This isn't a coincidence. But the fire service leaders assembled in Key West this month didn't see this as an achievement; instead, they recognized that more work needs to be done.

The strength of our nation has always been the indomitable spirit of our citizens. The fire service personifies that spirit. I commend the Harry S. Truman Foundation and the National Fallen Firefighters Foundations for bringing together our nation's leading fire officials. And I pledge my continued support for the more than one million firefighters across the nation who are prepared to respond to the next call for help and to the family members who lose loved ones in the line of duty. God bless all of them.

HONORING JOANN GAMA

**HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor JoAnn Gama, an educator, innovator, and leader.

JoAnn Gama was born and raised on the north side of Houston, Texas. In 1997, she joined Teach For America, committing two years to teaching in public schools in underserved communities. After moving to the Rio Grande Valley, JoAnn enrolled at the University of Texas-Pan American, now known as the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, and earned her master's degree in Educational Leadership.

In 1998, JoAnn co-founded the IDEA Academy within the Donna Independent School District with fellow Teach For America corps member, Tom Torkelson. After one year as a "school within a school," JoAnn and Tom applied for a state charter. Nearly 20 years ago, in August of 2000, they opened the IDEA Academy Charter School with 150 students, grades 4 through 8.

JoAnn is the co-founder and chief of schools, and led many efforts to replicate the original school. Currently, IDEA Public Schools educate nearly 45,000 students in 79 schools across five regions—the Rio Grande Valley, San Antonio, Austin, El Paso and Southern Louisiana. In 2017, U.S. News & World Report ranked IDEA Donna, IDEA Quest, and IDEA Frontier in the top 1 percent of all public high schools in the United States and the top 40 best public charter schools in the nation.

Madam Speaker, JoAnn Gama has worked tirelessly to give countless students the tools they need to succeed. She is a pillar of our community and an example to us all. It is an honor to represent a selfless, committed individual like her who has forever changed and strengthened the foundation of education in South Texas. I wish JoAnn, her husband Juan, and her children Gaeland and Jimena the best in their future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH  
BIRTHDAY OF TOMMIE LOUISE  
CAUDLE

### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I ask for the House's attention to recognize the 100th birthday of Tommie Louise Caudle.

Ms. Caudle was born on June 5, 1919 to J.H. Caudle and Sallie White Caudle in Sylacauga, Alabama. She graduated from Sylacauga High School in 1937 and started working at Southern Bell Telephone as a telephone operator at age 16.

She attended Judson College her freshman year during which she was a member of Baptist Young People's Union. She also attended the University of Alabama. Ms. Caudle worked for South Central Bell until she retired in 1974.

Madam Speaker, please join me in wishing Ms. Caudle a happy 100th birthday.

WELCOMING CHAPLAIN THOMAS E.  
FUSSELL, JR.

### HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize today's guest chaplain, Chaplain Thomas E. Fussell, Jr., and welcome him to the United States House of Representatives.

Chaplain Fussell, a major in the United States Air Force, is currently assigned to the 45th Space Wing, stationed at Patrick Air Force Base in Brevard County, Florida. The duties of the 45th Space Wing—including supporting the Department of Defense (DOD), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), and commercial manned and unmanned space programs at Patrick Air Force Base—are critical to the success of space programs operating out of Cape Canaveral.

As Deputy Wing Chaplain to the 45th Space Wing, Chaplain Fussell advises commanders and first sergeants, ensures the free exercise of religion, and provides spiritual care, moral and ethical advice, and pastoral care and counseling to all military personnel and their families. Along with other chaplains serving in the Space Command, he is part of the spiritual backbone of American operations in space.

Chaplain Fussell received his Master of Divinity degree from Asbury Theological Seminary in 2000. In 2004, he was ordained as an elder in the South Georgia Conference and, in 2005, he commissioned as a chaplain.

In light of his many years of service, I am thankful that Chaplain Fussell could be with us today and offer a prayer in anticipation of Memorial Day. May the Lord bless all the brave men and women in uniform who have given their lives to protect our great nation, the United States of America.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. TURNER. Madam Speaker, on May 22, 2019, I was unable to vote due to a classified briefing. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 222.

### RECOGNIZING LAVEDA BROWN

### HON. BILL FLORES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Laveda Brown of Waco, Texas, who is retiring as the president of the Cen-Tex African American Chamber of Commerce.

Laveda comes from a strong business background and knows the value of hard work. Prior to joining the chamber, Laveda worked as a Procurement Specialist/Business Consultant at McLennan Community College Small Business Center and the Caruth Small Business Development Center at Abilene Christian University.

Her successful history of business development made her a compelling choice to lead the Cen-Tex African American Chamber of Commerce. Laveda's many years of experience in minority business certification, purchasing, economic development, and government contracting has helped her provide many small businesses with the tools to succeed.

When Laveda assumed leadership of the Chamber in 2007, its membership hovered around 30 members and numbers were dwindling quickly. Thanks to her efforts, membership is now above 250 members and their financial support has expanded dramatically.

Some of her biggest contributions, however, go beyond numbers. Under Laveda's direction, the chamber opened Esther's Closet, an initiative to assist unemployed women by providing interview and workplace clothing at no cost. Additionally, Esther's Closet assists with resume writing, interview skills, job performance, and financial management. Since its grand opening in 2016, Esther's Closet has helped more than 400 individuals and provided more than 5,000 outfits.

In addition to her chamber duties, Laveda has been a member of many organizations including the Waco Education Alliance, the Baylor Research and Innovation Collaborative, the City of Waco Policy Academy, and the Junior League Advisory Committee. She also served on the boards of the City of Waco Public Improvement and Development, the Texas Partnership for Out of School Time, and the YMCA of Central Texas. She was also the Vice President of the Texas Association of African American Chambers of Commerce.

She is a person of great courage, faith, insight and wisdom who has a very unselfish and loving spirit. She has dedicated her life to sharing her wealth of knowledge and experience to enlightening and motivating those around her to do their best. Laveda has a way of getting others to see the big picture and to overcome their differences in order to work together for the common good of all. Her great-

est gift is her passion for encouraging and empowering others.

Madam Speaker, I would like to thank Laveda Brown for her many years of impactful service to our Central Texas community. I wish her the best in her future endeavors and look forward to seeing the Cen-Tex African American Chamber of Commerce's continued success.

I have requested that a United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to recognize the community service and accomplishments of Laveda Brown.

I urge all Americans to continue praying for our country, for our veterans, for our military men and women who protect us, and for our first responders who keep us safe at home.

IN HONOR OF REVEREND FRAN  
HAYES FOR HER EXEMPLARY  
SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY OF  
DEARBORN

### HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Reverend Fran Hayes for her tireless work in service of the residents of Dearborn, Michigan. She has been an instrumental member of the community as the head of the Dearborn Area Interfaith Network.

Reverend Fran Hayes has served the Dearborn community for 22 years as the pastor of Littlefield Presbyterian Church. A graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, Reverend Hayes dedicated her career to celebrating diversity of faith and culture. As the head of the Dearborn Area Interfaith Network; she has made a concerted effort to celebrate the vibrant, diverse community of Dearborn by building deep relationships between Christians and Muslims. Under her leadership, the church has engaged in deliberate efforts to educate parishioners in Islamic scripture through interfaith programs and activities.

Reverend Hayes' work represents a celebration of creed and culture. A staunch advocate for diversity, Reverend Hayes leaves a legacy of inclusivity and justice through her continued efforts to transcend barriers of faith and culture. We thank Reverend Hayes for her commitment to embracing people of all faiths and cultures and we congratulate her on her retirement. Her dedicated leadership will be missed, but we wish her good health and every happiness in her retirement years.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Reverend Fran Hayes for her exemplary service to Dearborn. Her work celebrating diversity of faith is worthy of commendation.

COMMEMORATING THE 150TH ANNI-  
VERSARY OF THE LAFAYETTE  
CHURCH OF CHRIST

### HON. JOHN W. ROSE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. JOHN W. ROSE of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Lafayette Church of Christ in honor of their 150th anniversary on June 19, 2019.

A longstanding pillar in the Macon County community, the Lafayette Church of Christ is widely known for its heart for service, love for others, and commitment to Christian principles. The congregation was founded by Isaac T. Reneau on June 19, 1869. Upon its founding, members met in various locations throughout Macon County. On January 11, 1874, the congregation held its first worship service in their first building on the town square in Lafayette. In 1963, a new building was constructed at 212 Church Street in Lafayette, which is where the congregation continues to meet. Today, that building is now part of a 9.5-acre campus that also includes a new auditorium, Fellowship Hall, and Refuge building for youth activities. However, the congregation's most enduring legacy will be its commitment to spreading the Gospel throughout its community.

The Lafayette Church of Christ has a rich heritage of upstanding families and strong believers. In efforts to care for their neighbors, the congregation offers a food pantry, utility bill assistance, furniture for those in need, and eager volunteers ready to answer the call of those in their community. Following the devastating tornado that hit Lafayette in 2008, it is well remembered that the members of the congregation eagerly coordinated response crews to those needing assistance and their fellowship hall served as a resource distribution center for the community.

The Lafayette Church of Christ is faithfully led by Elders Bobby Bransford and Barry Doss, along with Pulpit Minister Jeny Mercer and Youth Minister Cameron Miller. Today, the Lafayette Church of Christ is comprised of 250 members and routinely hosts local chapters of the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, and American Red Cross blood drives. The congregation faithfully follows God's Biblical commands and seeks to be Christ's church in its community. The congregation is anchored in knowing that God gave His only begotten Son so that through baptism, we might live. I pray that this group of Christians may continue under our Father's protection in preaching, teaching, and sharing the great story of Christ.

To my House colleagues today, I hope you will join me in congratulating the Lafayette Church of Christ on 150 years of service to the community and unwavering faith. I am confident their impact on Macon County will continue for generations to come.

#### SUPPORTING THE SECURE ACT

### HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act—The SECURE Act.

Almost 60 percent of Americans do not have any retirement account assets. That means they haven't put away a single dollar for retirement. Not one.

The SECURE Act includes many provisions to expand opportunities for Alabamians to increase their retirement savings.

The bill: makes it easier for small businesses to offer retirement plans to their employees; provides retirement benefit opportuni-

ties to home care workers; allows long-time, part-time workers to participate in a 401(k) plan; and much more.

Also included in the SECURE Act is a provision that I introduced with my colleagues earlier this month. It will deliver an urgently-needed fix for Gold Star military families who saw a drastic tax hike as a result of the Republican tax bill.

The SECURE Act goes a long way in ensuring that Americans get the economic security they deserve, and I urge my colleagues to vote "yes."

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF PHYLLIS WATT WUSTENBERG

### HON. KURT SCHRADER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. SCHRADER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Phyllis Watt Wustenberg a constituent of mine from Bay City, Oregon who recently passed away at the age of 92.

Phyllis was a remarkable woman and beloved member of the community who leaves behind an incredible legacy of a life that was dedicated to service. The Tillamook County area won't be the same without her. Today I would like to include in the RECORD Phyllis' obituary and extend my sincere condolences to Phyllis' family and the people of Tillamook County.

#### OBITUARY FOR PHYLLIS WATT WUSTENBERG

Phyllis Wustenberg, age 92, passed away peacefully on May 7, 2019 while seated at the desk of her home in Bay City, OR. There were messages on the answering machine, minutes and notes from recent nonprofit board and public commission meetings, and treasured memories from five generations of her Oregon family within arm's reach. Phyllis Watt Wustenberg—pioneer, matriarch, scholar, mink rancher, gardener, civic leader, philanthropist, sorority sister, and great grandmother—was busy living right to the last moment. It was a life well lived, dedicated to the betterment of her family, community, and state she loved so dearly.

She was born July 25, 1927 in Vancouver, WA to Robert, son of settler, farmer, logger and lumber mill owner Robert Watt, and Jean Morris Watt, who he met in Haines, AK. The Watt family journey from Scotland and contributions as pioneers in the coastal region are documented in the 1974 book, *Five Watt Brothers*. Phyllis attended Bay City school with siblings Barbara, Joan and Robert. She graduated in 1945 in a class of nine, received her B.S. from Oregon State University in 1949 and was one of the first women to achieve a Master's in Fisheries Management in 1951. Phyllis was on faculty at OSU from 1951 to 1953, where her work was described in *Fur Animal Research* where, in 200, editor J.E. Oldfield remembers: "I moved from U.B.C. to Oregon State University in 1949 and found a mink research program in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife (then 'Fish and Game') which was ably directed by Phyllis Watt (now Wustenberg). If I needed any encouragement to continue my interest with mink, Phyllis certainly supplied it. Raised on a mink ranch at Bay City, Oregon, she combined her knowledge of the industry and its needs with her research abilities to form an effective program which she operated with great good humor."

She met and married Donald Wustenberg of Chico, CA in 1953 while at OSU, and in

1955, after he graduated with a Master's in Fisheries Biology. They relocated to the farm in Bay City to create a life closer to their shared ideal for raising a family. Mark was born in 1954 and William (Bill) in 1957. Don and Phyllis combined their unique research skills in animal science and genetics to create innovative data management practices that produced among the finest natural black mink in the world for over 45 years. During that time they were active leaders in the Ninth American mink industry: Phyllis served as chair of the National Mink Farmer's Research Foundation and was in demand as a renowned speaker; Don was on the board of the Great Lakes Mink Association during years of the famous "What Becomes A Legend Most" Richard Avalon ad campaign.

Phyllis served her community and state with a gifted ability to see possibilities and respect history. She believed that people's lives can be improved, young and old, with a free book, a trip to a museum, a walk in a nature center, or a scholarship for higher education. Near to her heart was the Watt Brothers Scholarship Trust, where she served as chair for over 30 years, that annually gifts about \$100,000 to Tillamook County graduates. She was a dedicated founder of the Bay City Planning Commission, Tillamook County Pioneer Museum and Kilchis Point Reserve boards, serving until her last day. She sat on the Tillamook County Extension Committee and Tillamook County Library Board. In 1994 Phyllis was appointed to the Oregon State Board of Higher Education and served until it was disbanded in 2004. She was the Board's representative to the Center for Applied Agricultural Research Board during that period and was a tireless advocate for Oregon State University Cascades to ensure four-year university education was available to the eastern half of the state. Former Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Shirley Clark reflected with great admiration that, "Phyllis changed the world and made friends along the way."

Phyllis did indeed bestow her deepest love upon family and close friends. She nurtured her sons through Willamette University and Oregon State Veterinary College and was deeply proud that they each accomplished distinguished careers and raised close-knit families with core values that mirrored her own. Her home was a destination for large gatherings of family, annual OSU Delta Delta Sorority picnics, international guests, drop-by visitors, and the occasional elected official seeking advice. She is survived by: son, Dr. Mark Wustenberg (Judy), Bay City, OR; Dr. William Wustenberg (Wendy), Farmington, MN; four grandchildren—Dr. Ben Wustenberg (Dr. Leticia), Carlton, OR and their children Tristan and Emma; Liam Wustenberg (Jennifer), Forest Grove, OR and their son Everett; Russell Wustenberg, living in Toronto, CA; and Lauren Wustenberg, South Royalton, VT; her sisters Barbara and Joan; beloved nephews and nieces and extended family by birth and marriage here in the United States and abroad. She is preceded in death by her husband, Don, both parents and her brother Robert.

Mark recalls that his mother said, "Heaven is our memories carried forward in the lives of those we love and hold dear." The public is invited to join the family at Tillamook County Pioneer Museum, 2106 2nd St. Tillamook, OR 97141, Sunday June 9, 2019 from 2-5 p.m. Memorials are requested in lieu of flowers to honor Phyllis' lifelong dedication to the good works of the Watt Brothers Scholarship Trust, c/o Simpson & Roesener, LLP, 2216 4th St. Tillamook, OR 97141 and the Tillamook County Pioneer Museum, c/o Gary Albright, 2106 2nd St. Tillamook, OR 97141.

When she accepted the 2016 Bay City Pearl Festival Honoree Award Phyllis said, "If you love the place you live, you are extremely blessed." A more complete story about Phyllis Watt Wustenberg's lifelong love of Oregon and the blessings that will continue due to her dedicated efforts will be available online at <http://www.tcpm.org> later this week.

The public is invited to celebrate the life of Phyllis Watt Wustenberg on Sunday June 9 from 2-5 p.m. at the Tillamook County Pioneer Museum, 2106 2nd St., Tillamook, OR 97141.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2019

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, on Wednesday, May 22, 2019, I was unable to vote on roll call no. 222. If I had been present, I would have voted Yea.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2019

Mr. DeFAZIO. Madam Speaker, on May 20, 2019, my vote on Roll Call vote 219 was inadvertently not recorded. If it had been, I would have voted Yes.

HONORING WALSH UNIVERSITY'S  
PRESIDENT RICHARD  
JUSSEAUME RETIREMENT

### HON. ANTHONY GONZALEZ

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2019

Mr. GONZALEZ of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to President Richard Jusseaume, who is retiring this year after 18 years of leadership at Walsh University. Ohio's second longest serving president of a four-year private university, President Jusseaume has ushered in unprecedented growth in almost every facet of the university's operations. In total, he has spent five decades at Walsh University in various roles including student, Dean of Students, Board of Directors member, and President.

Through the tireless work and effort of President Jusseaume, Walsh University has cemented its status as a leading academic institution. During his tenure, full-time undergraduate enrollment has increased by more than 60 percent, the university has more than doubled its number of undergraduate majors and launched its first doctorate programs, and the number of buildings on Walsh's North Canton campus has more than doubled from 11 to 27 buildings.

What happens at a university is richer than passing on intellectual knowledge. Classrooms shape our habits, thoughts, and practice, thus developing the future citizens of our liberal society. President Jusseaume has steadfastly dedicated himself to developing students into

leaders in service to others and prepared a diverse student body to thrive, and positively impact local and global communities.

As you and I know, strong leadership is critical to academic success. President Jusseaume's clear vision and unwavering commitment to students has shaped Walsh University into one of our nation's finest academic institutions, attracting the best and brightest. I congratulate and thank President Jusseaume for living out the passion and principle of the university's mission statement and wish him and his family all the best.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NATIONAL  
VACCINE INJURY COMPENSATION  
PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT ACT  
OF 2019

### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program Improvement Act of 2019. This bill would further encourage the development of important vaccines by doubling the maximum number of special masters the Court of Federal Claims can assign to vaccine cases. I am pleased to be introducing this in conjunction with Senator BOB CASEY, who is introducing a companion bill in the Senate.

Vaccines are a vitally important component of our public health system. The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program ("Program") was created by Congress in 1988 so that individuals and families of individuals injured by childhood vaccines could receive financial compensation. This "no-fault" system caps the amount of compensation allowed under the Program for vaccine-related injuries, thus meeting the dual goals of encouraging further development of vaccines and compensating anyone injured by them.

The Program was also designed to accelerate the compensation process so plaintiffs would not have to undergo a full trial before receiving damages that could potentially be used to address their injuries. However, as the number of vaccines covered under the Program has increased, so, too, has the number of cases brought before the court and the special masters. The number of petitions filed has increased from 24 in fiscal year 1988 to 1,120 in fiscal year 2016.

Congress capped the number of special masters at eight when it first authorized the Program, and has not increased the number since, despite the increase in covered vaccines and petitions filed. To meet the demand caused by the increased number of these complex cases, my bill would increase the maximum number of special masters allowed to 16. Moreover, the court may reduce the number of special masters should the number of cases drop, as this is a statutory ceiling, not a floor.

This is an important measure to ensure compensation when necessary and further important medical development. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

IN RECOGNITION OF CAPE FEAR  
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY'S SOFT-  
BALL TEAM

### HON. GEORGE HOLDING

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2019

Mr. HOLDING. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Cape Fear Christian Academy Women's Softball team for winning the North Carolina Independent Schools Athletic Association 1A state championship. Led by coach Sterling Holmes and assistant coach Craig Autry, the CFCA softball team has officially won seven state titles.

As a 4th seed road team, the Cape Fear Christian Academy Eagles had an impressive record in the Final Four. In their first game of the weekend, the Eagles challenged the No. 1 seed Lawrence Academy and beat them with a score of 7-2. Both their batting and fielding was remarkable in their later game against No. 2 seed Ridgely School, which they won with 11 points against Ridgely's zero. The final score for the state title was 9-6 against Pungo Christian Academy.

I am very proud of the Eagles on this major accomplishment. Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Aubree Bass, Kristen Bass, Leah Brannon, Natalia Brocius, McKenzie Burris, Gabbi Chiodo, Rebekah Ennis, Shelby Hodges, Harmony Horne, Jada Horne, Rhyleigh Horne, Trinity Olive, Paige Jeffries, Anslee McLamb, Claire Parker, Meghan Taylor, and Averil Williams, as well as their coaches, families, fans, and Cape Fear faculty who supported them on their road to victory.

CONGRATULATING HIGH SCHOOL  
GRADUATES ENLISTING IN OUR  
ARMED FORCES

### HON. BRIAN J. MAST

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2019

Mr. MAST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate recent high school graduates from Palm Beach County who have made the decision to enlist in our Armed Forces. I would like to thank them for volunteering to serve our country. They include: Scott Carroll, Aspen Draeger, Gopal Harpalani, Tyler Huntoon, Ryan Keip, Michael Mee, Jaslyn Senger, Patrick Tierney, Devinity Salon, Deiontae Shannon, Andrew Hogan, Abigail Dasilva, Jaime Bustillo, John Dowd, Casey George, Peter Kanelidis, Stephen Manley, Andres Moreno, Ashton Skinner, Brandon Suh, and Skylar Thompson.

HONORING THE LIFE OF NATIVO  
LOPEZ

### HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Nativo Lopez, a longtime voice for the Mexican American community in Southern California and a champion of

immigrant rights. Mr. Lopez passed away on Sunday, May 20th.

Mr. Lopez grew up in Los Angeles County in a family that had lived in the United States for six generations. He studied Spanish literature at California State University, Dominguez Hills.

Nativo Lopez was best known for changing the political landscape in Orange County. His determination and ability to organize volunteers, workers, people who had never been active in politics, led the start of the Orange County blue wave. Nativo began advocating and organizing at an early age. At the age of 13, he joined picket lines to protest funding cuts at a community center in East Los Angeles. As an 18-year-old at Excelsior High School, he and his brothers led a walkout of more than 200 Mexican American students to raise awareness for educational reform.

As a young professional, Mr. Lopez was a court interpreter in Los Angeles County. Mr. Lopez founded a Santa Ana chapter of Hermandad Mexican National, a group that provides services to and protects the needs and rights of Spanish-speaking immigrants. Nativo Lopez led Hermandad Mexicana for more than 30 years. His passion for ensuring that immigrant workers and their families, with or without documents, were treated with dignity and respect often sparked controversy, but his commitment to the cause never wavered.

In 1985, his name made national news when he helped more than 500 Santa Ana families stage a successful rent strike. Mr. Lopez won a seat on the Santa Ana Unified School District Board of Trustees in 1997. One of his most influential efforts was his creation of Assembly Bill 60, allowing unauthorized immigrants to apply for driver's licenses. Mr. Lopez was soon recognized as the undisputed champion of immigrant rights in Southern California.

Unfortunately, his life was cut short by cancer. Nativo Lopez leaves behind a legacy in fighting for civil rights, immigration rights, educational access, and community empowerment through civic engagement.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Lopez is truly a legend in the history of Latino leaders in Orange County and Los Angeles. His dedication and passion to serving the Hispanic community are truly unmatched. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of Nativo Lopez and his lifelong dedication to serving our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF BRYNN  
BROWN AND ELI STOWERS

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Guyer High School sophomores Brynn Brown and Eli Stowers, who recently won gold medals at the 2019 UIL Texas State Track and Field meet.

The students' victories are well-earned. Following her regional meet, Ms. Brown was a self-proclaimed underdog. At the beginning of her mile run, Ms. Brown was seeded fourth in a competitive array of runners. Despite these circumstances, she finished first with a mile

time of 4.28 minutes. Impressively, Ms. Brown won a second gold medal in the 3,200-meter run.

In the high jump competition, Mr. Stowers reached a remarkable 6 feet and 10 inches to claim the gold medal. Persevering through inclement weather, he rose to the challenge—a testament to his hard work and diligent preparation.

I commend Guyer High School track and field coaches Jonathan Ponsonby, Megan Hardesty, and Aaron Roberts for their leadership and dedication. It is a privilege to represent Guyer High School in the U.S. House of Representatives. I am pleased to recognize the achievements of Brynn Brown and Eli Stowers, and I wish them continued success in their athletic and academic endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF ALINA T.  
HUDAK'S 35 YEARS OF SERVICE  
TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

**HON. DONNA E. SHALALA**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Ms. SHALALA. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of my friend, Alina Hudak, Deputy Mayor of Miami-Dade County, and her 35 years of public service to the greater Miami community.

Alina began her career in the Miami-Dade County government as a management trainee in 1984. In 1993, she became the first Hispanic woman appointed to the position of Assistant County Manager. In 1996, she was tapped for the position of Director of the General Services Administration. In 1998, she re-joined the County Manager's Office, and she took over the post of County Manager in 2011. She currently serves as Deputy Mayor of Miami-Dade County as well as Director of the Solid Waste Management Department.

Alina has worked with nearly every department of Miami-Dade's extensive administration, and she possesses an unrivaled knowledge of the County. Throughout her career, she has overseen an impressive portfolio of departments, including the nationally recognized Police and Fire Rescue, Animal Services, Elections, Transit, Public Works, the Citizen's Independent Transportation Trust, and the Public Health Trust. She spearheaded the County's Haitian Relief Effort, the United Way campaign, the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer campaign, and has acted as liaison for numerous county tournaments and events.

Alina continues to give to the Miami-Dade community. She is an active alumna of the University of Miami, where she earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and a master's degree in Public Administration. She is also deeply involved in the American Society for Public Administration and the International Women's Forum.

We have all witnessed Alina's extraordinary skill and dedication to Miami-Dade County. She has served with grace and heart, and I look forward to seeing the impact she will continue to make on our community for years to come.

EQUALITY ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. DAVID B. MCKINLEY**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 17, 2019*

Mr. MCKINLEY. Mr. Speaker, let me be clear: I oppose discrimination in all forms, and agree that individuals should have protections against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender. Unfortunately, H.R. 5, the Equality Act, is a radical overreach that goes beyond the scope of discrimination and would harm doctors, families, women, religious groups, and many others.

The Equality Act fails to include conscience protections for doctors who have a moral or religious objection to the services they will be required to provide under the legislation. This bill would force doctors to forego their expertise and provide gender-affirming therapies, even if it goes against their best medical judgement. It could also force doctors and nurses to perform abortion-related services, regardless of their religious or moral objections.

This legislation also harms protections for women's sports provided by Title IX. Women are already beginning to lose sporting competitions and scholarships to their biologically male competitors who identify as females. These women have worked hard for their achievements and deserve the chance to compete on a level playing field.

Most importantly, the Equality Act would prevent parents from making health care choices that impact their own children and could even lead to parents losing custody of their children. In some states, like Ohio, this is already happening. A judge recently removed a biological girl from her parents custody after they did not allow her to take testosterone supplements to help her transition to a male. The federal government should not play a role in these important decisions.

This legislation does not serve as a constructive path forward to addressing the issue of discrimination in our country. That is why I voted against the Equality Act. It is yet another example of a messaging bill that will not be taken up in the Senate and therefore, will never be signed into law. Isn't it time that Congress finally put American families ahead of divisive, partisan politics?

SETTING EVERY COMMUNITY UP  
FOR RETIREMENT ENHANCE-  
MENT ACT

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 1994, the Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement (SECURE) Act.

After a lifetime of work, all Americans should have access to retirement savings that will meet their needs and allow for each American to spend these years with friends, family, and doing what makes them happy. The SECURE Act includes numerous provisions to expand the opportunities for Americans to

easily save more for retirement and fixes provisions what would have drastically increase taxes on military survivors and Gold Star families.

This is a good, bipartisan bill that represents Congress working together and will improve saving for retirement for all Americans.

I support the SECURE Act and voted in favor of the bill. Unfortunately, due to an error in the voting process my "Yea" vote was not officially recorded when the full House considered this bill on the floor.

**HONORING THE 165TH ANNIVERSARY OF PROVIDENCE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST IN CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA**

**HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Providence United Church of Christ in Chesapeake, Virginia on its 165th anniversary.

Providence Church began as an informal group of slaves and freed blacks coming together to worship. In the beginning, they gathered for worship in parishioners' homes and in public spaces. This time together was important for African-Americans because it provided spiritual support and a sense of community.

In 1854, Providence Church was officially organized by Reverend Scott. Under his leadership, the congregation met every Sunday and grew in size. As the number of parishioners increased, the church was able to purchase property on Railroad Road and build a church. The church was built in 1872 and was located in the city of South Norfolk, Virginia. South Norfolk later became Chesapeake, Virginia in 1963.

Providence Church was renamed Providence United Church of Christ in 1957 when they joined the United Church of Christ family. Twenty years after joining the denomination and more than 100 years after the church's founding, Providence United Church of Christ expanded again in 1978. They were fortunate to build another addition in the form of an educational wing in 2003. Today many of their ministries take place in this new space.

Over the last 165 years, Providence United Church of Christ has continued to be a leader in the Hampton Roads community. The church serves the community through several ministries including the Christian Education Ministry, Senior Citizens Ministry and the Foodbank Ministry. Annual events include vacation bible schools, Kwanza celebrations, community confirmation classes, youth revivals and senior citizen celebrations. A unique feature of the church is that its congregation is divided into 12 tribes. These tribes provide a way for Providence United Church of Christ to reach different parts of the community.

It is impossible to commemorate the 165th anniversary of Providence United Church of Christ without recognizing its former pastors who helped build and grow this historic church—Reverends Scott, J. Jones, A. Harris, G.T. Hall, A.B. Jones, J.J. Faulk, J.R. Alston, R.R. Briggs, Ben E. Cox, V. Chambers, Clifton Thomas, Dr. Isaac McDonald, Dr. Samuel Varner, Dr. Alexander Jamison, Sr. and currently Dr. A. Jerome Danage, Sr.

Madam Speaker, as Providence United Church of Christ celebrates this historic milestone this weekend, its congregation can take pride in an inspiring 165 years of fellowship, worship and service. I would like to congratulate Reverend Dr. A. Jerome Danage, Sr. and all the members of the church's congregation on this joyous occasion, and I wish them many more years full of growth, prosperity and service to our community.

**IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 2898 THE "BUDDY CHECK WEEK ACT"**

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, yesterday, I introduced H.R. 2898, the "Buddy Check Week Act of 2019," which provides support and training to organize outreach events and educate veterans on how to conduct peer wellness checks and recognize signs of problems in fellow veterans that indicate suicide risks.

The Buddy Check Week Act directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in consultation with veterans, non-profits that serve veterans, mental health experts, and members of the Armed Forces, to develop and implement collaborative education opportunities for veterans to learn how to conduct wellness checks.

A wellness check involves contacting veterans who may be demonstrating signs of having difficulty and making sure they receive visits to see how they are doing and provide support for any needs.

The VA will provide online or in-person training to individuals, as well as provide opportunities for Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs) to learn how to: train individuals to conduct peer wellness checks, transfer phone calls to the Veterans Crisis Line, and be resilient when handling a veteran in crisis.

The bill inspired by the American Legion's "Buddy Check National Week of Calling," held March 11–16, 2019.

The American Legion unveiled this new initiative to connect past and present veterans and ensure that they receive the care they need.

A Buddy Check Week will provide the time, space, and resources needed to help these veterans through personal interaction and kindness.

This legislation will amplify the work of the American Legion and support efforts to conduct outreach to veterans across the nation.

Madam Speaker, veteran suicide is a pervasive and critical issue, threatening the lives of many of our bravest and most patriotic Americans.

Although, the VA has screening protocols designed to aid veterans and stage suicide interventions, some 6,000 veterans a year tragically fall through the cracks of this system, finding themselves without the necessary aid and resources that were promised to them by the VA and commit suicide.

Many Suicide Prevention Coordinators and offices specializing in veterans affairs report being overworked and unable to keep up with their many responsibilities.

On average, about 20 veterans die every day by suicide, and since 2017, 25 veterans

have taken their lives on the grounds of Veterans Affairs hospitals, including seven this year and at least four last month, actively seeking help from an unprepared agency before committing suicide.

It is long past time for the federal government to provide the necessary legislation to address the troubling uptick in veteran suicides and help improve suicide prevention and mental health resources at the VA.

To truly address this issue, we need to make sure that the VA and veterans aid organizations have the tools needed to serve every veteran that walks through their doors.

It is critically important that we provide training on the signs that a veteran may be in crisis and the needed make it easier to get them the help that they need.

I believe this bill is a step in the right direction toward making sure that happens.

Madam Speaker, it is unconscionable that a veteran will commit suicide every hour.

The fact that veterans make up just 20 percent of the male population, yet veterans make up close to 32 percent of all male suicides is shocking and must spur our action.

It does not have to be this way, Madam Speaker, and we can do something about it, starting with the passage of H.R. 2898, the "Buddy Check Week Act."

**CONGRATULATING THE CHRISTUS SANTA ROSA HEALTH SYSTEM**

**HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Health System on its 150th anniversary year serving the health care needs of San Antonio and South Texas. Three Catholic Sisters left their families and native country of France 150 years ago in 1869, and traveled to San Antonio, Texas to answer a call to care for victims of a deadly cholera outbreak. This marked the beginnings of the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio and the Santa Rosa Infirmary, which still serves the community today. A century and a half later, the infirmary, now known as CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Health System and The Children's Hospital of San Antonio, has grown and expanded to meet the new health care needs of diverse populations throughout the south Texas region.

From those three founding Sisters, a network of hospitals and clinics has grown around the world, employing thousands of health care professionals who are still responding with compassion and love to Bishop Dubuis' call 150 years ago.

In 2019, we celebrate the Congregation's Sesquicentennial in CHRISTUS Health locations throughout Texas, Mexico, South America and the United States. And during this celebration, we remember the first ministry, where it all began—CHRISTUS Santa Rosa. CHRISTUS Health is now one of the top ten Catholic health systems in the United States and a leading provider of uncompensated care among not-for-profit health care systems.

I congratulate CHRISTUS Santa Rosa on its 150th anniversary and recognize its significant contribution to the state of Texas as a leader



and provider of quality, faith-based compassionate healthcare. Patients served by CHRISTUS Santa Rosa, including my constituents of the 20th District, are grateful to each of the thousands of nurses, doctors, associates and volunteers who have helped their communities through the years with a commitment to the CHRISTUS Santa Rosa mission of "extending the healing ministry of Jesus Christ."

IN RECOGNITION OF THE  
FITZPATRICK FAMILY AND THE  
RED LION INN

**HON. RICHARD E. NEAL**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and congratulate the Fitzpatrick Family on their 50th anniversary as owners of the iconic Red Lion Inn in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. The Red Lion Inn has been a cultural and historic institution of western Massachusetts for more than two centuries and has continued on as such in the modern era thanks to the Fitzpatrick Family. Our community has benefited immeasurably as a result, and we are incredibly grateful.

The Town of Stockbridge was founded in 1734 and became a popular resort destination during the Gilded Age. It also became home to one of America's greatest 18th century hotels, the Red Lion Inn, which first opened in 1773. The World Wars of the 20th century, however, as well as the Great Depression, took a toll on the region and the Red Lion Inn with it. But 1969 would prove to be a monumental year for Stockbridge and the rest of the Berkshires. As new attractions reenergized the area, the grand reopening of the Red Lion Inn took place on account of Senator Jack Fitzpatrick and his wife, Jane. The Fitzpatricks did more than just save the Red Lion Inn from being razed. They renovated it and preserved most of the art, antiques, furniture, and—thus—charm that are essential to the Inn's character and allure. They also continued to grow their impact on the community by helping local projects thrive and injecting a fresh sense of prosperity to the Berkshires. Still further, they have prided themselves on providing high quality service and hospitality to all of their guests and making them feel right at home in the heart of the Berkshires.

Once again, Madam Speaker, the 50th year of Fitzpatrick Family ownership of the Red Lion Inn is certainly worthy of celebration and recognition. It is a testament to the vibrancy and cultural substance of Stockbridge and the Berkshires. Jane and Jack Fitzpatrick's bountiful legacy lives on through the Fitzpatrick Trust, the Red Lion Inn, and—most importantly—the new generation of family members. I wish the Fitzpatrick Family, including of course Jack and Jane's daughter Nancy, and Nancy's stepdaughter Sarah Eustis, who is the third-generation owner and operator of the Inn, all the best in their future endeavors and at the 50th Anniversary Gala Dinner to be hosted on May 29.

OBSERVING THE 101TH ANNIVERSARY OF AZERBAIJAN'S REPUBLIC

**HON. STEVE CHABOT**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. CHABOT. Madam Speaker, I rise today as a Co-chair of the Congressional Azerbaijani Caucus, to honor the Republic of Azerbaijan as it celebrates its 101st Republic Day on May 28, 2019. This important milestone marks the very first time a parliamentary democratic republic was established in any predominantly Muslim country.

Unfortunately, Azerbaijan's independence was short-lived, as it was soon occupied by the Soviets. Many Azerbaijanis lost their lives in 1920, trying to keep their independence alive and after years of living under Soviet rule re-gained their independence in 1991.

Since regaining its independence, Azerbaijan has become a key ally to the United States in a strategically important region. It is a secular state with a predominantly Muslim population that has been home to vibrant Christian and Jewish communities for over a millennium.

Azerbaijan continues to offer critical support for NATO operations in Afghanistan, particularly by enabling supplies to reach Coalition forces. Azerbaijan also provides vital support to U.S. nonproliferation efforts in a very tough neighborhood.

In addition to supporting U.S. security interests in the region, Azerbaijan plays an important role in contributing to the energy security of our European allies and Israel. It is very remarkable that roughly 40% of Israel's oil is provided by Azerbaijan.

I believe the U.S. should stand with Azerbaijan and work with them to strengthen their independence as our proven partner is subjected to substantial pressure from Russia and Iran.

It is my pleasure to encourage my colleagues to join me in honoring Azerbaijan on its 101st Republic Day and celebrate the robust U.S.-Azerbaijan partnership.

HONORING JESPY HOUSE AND THE  
MICHAEL OCH HOUSE

**HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a nonprofit organization that helps serve the intellectually and developmentally disabled community in my district. For the past forty years, JESPY House has been a vital part of South Orange, New Jersey.

JESPY House has provided housing, job training, and life skills to hundreds of disabled people during its long history as a public service organization. In two weeks, JESPY House will host the grand opening of its newest expansion—the Michael Och House, a Center for Aging at JESPY.

The Och House is part of JESPY's "Aging in Place" program, which provides for people with intellectual or developmental disabilities to live in a client-centered, community-based setting during their senior years.

The Och House will help JESPY to ensure its clients are able to age with dignity. They will have increased nursing and health care screenings, healthy living workshops, on-site physical therapists, and age-appropriate accessibility furnishings.

I am proud to represent organizations that are doing great things for those in need. JESPY House is a model for advancing independence among adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring them.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 222, 223, 224, and 225; NAY on Roll Call No. 226; YEA on Roll Call No. 227; and NAY on Roll Call No. 228.

IN HONOR OF REVEREND DOCTOR  
EMMETT SCOTT ANITON, JR.

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding Man of God, a devoted spiritual leader, and dear friend of longstanding, Rev. Dr. Emmett S. Aniton, Jr., who will be celebrating his 40th anniversary as the distinguished pastor of Friendship Baptist Church in Columbus, Georgia on Friday, May 24, 2019, at 6:30pm.

Emmett Scott Aniton, Jr. was born on March 8, 1940, in Oneonta, Alabama to the union of Mr. Emmett Scott Aniton, Sr. and Mrs. Estella Aniton Woods. He attended Southside High School in Etowah County, Alabama, where he graduated in 1959, before earning his Bachelor of Theology degree from Selma University in 1964. He entered the United States Army and completed a tour of duty in Qui Nho'n, Vietnam, and returned home to Alabama where he matriculated at Alabama A&M University, earning Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology in 1971.

After responding to God's call to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, Rev. Aniton pastored the First Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Alabama from 1966 to March of 1979. For more than 12 years, Rev. Aniton was the shepherd at First Baptist where he ministered to the needs of his flock christening babies, baptizing believers, performing marriages, and consoling bereaved families, while developing and honing his skills as a church administrator and inspiring preacher.

Then in November of 1978, the congregation of Friendship Baptist Church called and the Holy Spirit sent Rev. Aniton to Columbus, Georgia. His pastoral duties began in April of 1979 and he has faithfully and effectively served for over 40 years. Under Reverend Aniton's dynamic and spirit-filled leadership, the Friendship Baptist Church has experienced tremendous growth—spiritually, numerically, and in its physical facilities. But most importantly, under his leadership, Friendship has

been a beacon of hope and salvation for the congregation through its many ministries which share the good news of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Yet, Madam Speaker, the outstanding servant leadership demonstrated by Rev. Aniton did not stop at Friendship Baptist Church. His impact has been felt in the larger community and beyond. He has served on the boards of the Pastoral Institute, the Liberty Theatre, the Metro Columbus Urban League, and the Fourth Street Towers. He has been President of the Mount Calvary Congress of Christian Education and the Muscogee County Clergy Association; instructor for the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia Congress of Christian Education and the American Baptist Theological Seminary (off-campus). He received the NAACP Religious Affairs Award, Rainbow PUSH Coalition Lifetime Achievement Award, the PUHL (Peace, Unity, Honesty, and Leadership) Award; and in May of 2011, received an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity Degree from St. Thomas Christian College in Jacksonville, Florida.

Reverend Aniton has achieved much in his life, but none of it would have been possible without the Grace of God and the love and the support of his late wife, Mrs. Dorothy Rigby Aniton; his children, Minister Rhonda Aniton Bell, Emmett Scott Aniton III, and Keisha Aniton Simmons; his grandchildren and other family members. He is an outstanding mentor, a strong leader, and a faithful servant of God.

On a personal note, I have been blessed by Rev. Aniton's sage counsel and enduring friendship over the four decades I have known him and I am proud to call him my friend.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the 730,000 residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District, in congratulating Rev. Dr. Emmett S. Aniton, Jr. for 40 outstanding years of leadership at Friendship Baptist Church, for over 50 remarkable years of ministry, and for a lifetime of selfless service to God, the church, and to humankind. To God be the glory for the things He has done through His humble servant, Rev. Dr. Emmett S. Aniton, Jr.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION FOR AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY TO INVESTIGATE WHETHER SUFFICIENT GROUNDS EXIST FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO EXERCISE THE POWER VESTED BY ARTICLE 1, SECTION 2, CLAUSE 5 OF THE CONSTITUTION IN RESPECT TO ACTS OF MISCONDUCT BY DONALD JOHN TRUMP, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

### HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2019

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise to announce to the House that I have introduced H. Res. 396, a resolution authorizing and directing the Committee on the Judiciary to investigate whether sufficient grounds exist for the House of Representatives to exercise the power vested by Article 1, Section 2,

Clause 5 of the Constitution in respect to acts of misconduct by Donald John Trump, President of the United States.

I invite every Member of the House to join me in cosponsoring this important and necessary step to uphold the rule of law, preserve the strength of our democracy, and affirm the rightful place of the Congress as a co-equal branch of government with the constitutional duty to check and hold accountable a wayward head of the Executive Branch.

This resolution is both necessary and timely. Last week, hours before the House Judiciary Committee was to vote to hold Attorney General Bill Barr in contempt of Congress, the President indicated that he intended to assert executive privilege to deny Congress and the American people the Mueller Report.

Yesterday, the White House Counsel indicated that it believes that the House Judiciary Committee's inquiry was an improper exercise of its oversight powers and was instead intended to "harass" the President.

The White House Counsel, in mistaken belief that the Mueller Investigation was the final word into investigations concerning this President, stated that Congress was not permitted "an unauthorized do-over of exhaustive law enforcement investigations conducted by the Department of Justice."

The White House position is clearly wrong on history, on the law, and on the Constitution, but more than that, it is reckless and destabilizing.

It disregards or misapprehends the nature, structure, and purpose of the system of government devised by the Framers that served us well for nearly 250 years.

It contemplates branches of government superior to others and represents an indifference, belligerence and disrespect towards Article I of the Constitution unseen in American history.

Congressional requests for documents have been ignored, subpoenas have been flouted, witnesses refuse to appear for congressional oversight hearings, norms shattered.

This is intolerable and why, in consultation with and by working with my colleagues, I have introduced H. Res. 396, a resolution authorizing and directing the Committee on the Judiciary to investigate whether sufficient grounds exist for the House of Representatives to exercise the power vested by Article 1, Section 2, Clause 5 of the Constitution in respect to acts of misconduct by Donald John Trump, President of the United States.

This is a significant measure because it involves not just the standing committees but the whole House of Representatives, the body that is vested by the Constitution with the "sole power of impeachment."

Madam Speaker, if approved by the House, H. Res. 396 gives the Committee on Judiciary a broad and affirmative mandate by the body that is vested with the sole power conveyed by Article 1, Section 2, Clause 5 to investigate the areas of possible misconduct listed in the Resolving clause.

Since 1900, responsibility for conducting investigations of the type envisioned by the resolution has been delegated by the House to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Nothing in the resolution preempts or forecloses any other Committee of the House from exercising its oversight authority and adoption of the resolution will convey to the Administration, the public, and relevant witnesses the se-

riousness to which the House takes its responsibilities to act as a check on a wayward Executive and the gravity of the findings and conclusions set forth in the Mueller Report.

Finally, nothing in the resolution compels the Committee on the Judiciary to reach a particular result or make a particular recommendation; rather, the resolution charges the Committee with undertaking a comprehensive investigation following the evidence where it leads and reporting its conclusions and recommendations to the full House.

Madam Speaker, the time has come to reassert proper oversight in our system of government.

During the first two years of this administration, House Republicans shirked their oversight responsibilities.

This new House majority, propelled by the largest class of women and the most diverse class in history, will do its job to ensure the preservation of this government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF GOLF LEGEND, ALICE DYE

#### HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2019

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Alice Holliday Dye, an Indiana golf legend and accomplished amateur champion. Known as the "First Lady" of golf course architecture, Alice and her husband, Pete, co-designed some of the country's most high-profile championship golf courses, including Crooked Stick Golf Club in Carmel, Indiana. The people of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District are forever grateful for Alice's significant contributions to the City of Carmel, Hamilton County, the state of Indiana, and the nation.

Alice was born on February 19, 1927, in Indianapolis, Indiana, where she won the Indiana State Junior championship at the age of 15. She graduated from Shortridge High School and graduated with honors from Rollins College in Florida, where she was captain of the women's golf team and a member of the men's team. Following her graduation, she worked as a life insurance saleswoman, becoming one of the few women in the business at the time, eventually earning a spot in the Women's Quarter Million Dollar Roundtable.

A trailblazer, Alice was a female pioneer in the golfing community. Alice's passion for golf began at a young age, spending time at the Woodstock Club in Indianapolis. It was there she fell in love with the beautiful fairways and the game itself. Later, Alice went on to have a standout career in golf, winning over 50 amateur championships during her lifetime including nine State Championships in Indiana, the Woman's North and South, the Women's Eastern, the National Ladies Club Championship, two USGA Senior and two Canadian Senior Tournaments, as well as five Women's Western Senior Tournaments, National Ladies Club Championship, and played on the 1970 Curtis Cup Team. Alice also won a gold medal in golf at the Senior Olympics.

Collaborating with her husband, Pete Dye, she co-designed Crooked Stick Golf Club in Carmel, Indiana, where she and Pete had a home on the 18th hole. Alice and Pete also

worked together to design Harbour Town Golf Links in Hilton Head, South Carolina, Whistling Straits in Kohler, Wisconsin, and the TPC Sawgrass, with its famous par-3 17th hole with an island green, in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. Through her success on the greens and the remarkable course designs, Alice was relentlessly dedicated to ensuring that women players were not forgotten and is credited as the champion for the two tee system that made formidable courses more playable for women.

Alice's work is a true testament to her outstanding career and selfless contributions. Alice served the sport by becoming the first woman president of the American Society of Golf Course Architects in 1997 and the first woman to serve as an independent director of the PGA of America in 1999. She was honored with numerous awards and accolades, including being inducted into the Indiana Golf Hall of Fame in 1976 and was voted PGA's First Lady of Golf in 2004.

In her personal life, Alice was known as a loving mother. She truly loved the sport and the fairways became one of her favorite places to go with her family and close friends. Born and raised in Indianapolis, she worked to bring affordable junior golf programs to youth of all backgrounds through the establishment of The First Tee of Indiana. Children of all ages can practice their swings on four 9-hole courses, named in their honor, at the Pete & Alice Dye Golf Experience, part of the Sports Legend Experience at the Children's Museum of Indianapolis. Over the years, Alice's passion for golf has inspired countless individuals and her leadership as the First Lady of golf architecture has left a remarkable legacy.

Alice will be forever missed by her family, friends, colleagues, and the entire golf community. On behalf of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District, I extend my deepest condolences to Alice's husband, Pete, her son, Perry, and his wife, Ann, her son, P.B., and his wife, Jean, her two grandchildren, her two great grandchildren, and to her entire extended family and the friends who mourn her loss.

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RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND  
SERVICE OF FRANK BRYANT

**HON. MARK DeSAULNIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of long-time Walnut Creek resident, Mr. Frank Bryant.

Frank was born on April 24, 1936 in Elko, Nevada to parents Howard and Charlotte Bryant. After his family moved to California, Frank attended San Jose State University before settling in Walnut Creek with his wife Susan. Frank and Susan resided in Walnut Creek for over 50 years. Throughout this time, Frank was deeply committed to serving the East Bay community.

An architect by trade, Frank designed several commercial and residential buildings throughout Walnut Creek. A strong partner with the City of Walnut Creek, Frank designed a community theater and renovated an East Bay landmark, the Borges Ranch House.

Frank also used his architectural expertise in his positions on the Walnut Creek Design

Review Commission, the Civic Arts Association, and the Walnut Creek Planning Commission. As a further testament to his commitment to the community, Frank was a founding member and the first president of the Kennedy-King Memorial College Scholarship Fund, an organization that pays tribute to two American heroes while helping provide students access to educational opportunities.

Please join me in honoring Frank Bryant, whose devotion to public service had a profound impact on his community.

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IN RECOGNITION OF THE TRADI-  
TION OF BREAKFAST ON THE  
FARM IN BROWN COUNTY

**HON. MIKE GALLAGHER**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the tradition of Breakfast on the Farm in Brown County.

Breakfast on the Farm is an iconic Wisconsin tradition that provides the community an opportunity to see first-hand how a dairy farm operates, and to learn about the significant role the dairy industry plays in Wisconsin's economy. Community members meet dairy farmers, explore the barns and equipment, and enjoy a delicious meal prepared on the farm.

In 1997, Dennis and Mary Zirbel moved from Collins, WI, to establish DenMar Acres, their dairy farm in Greenleaf, WI. Their sons Jeremy, Jeff, and Jesse are partners on the farm where the family milks 950 cows and manages 1,900 acres. Always pursuing innovative practices, DenMar Acres implements advanced technologies such as the Juno robot Feed Pushers, to help increase yields and improve efficiency on their farm. I am grateful to DenMar Acres for hosting the 2019 Brown County Breakfast on the Farm.

Brown County Dairy Promotion has been organizing Breakfast on the Farm since 2001, recruiting farm hosts, sponsors, and volunteers to support this terrific event. To continue the promotion of agriculture throughout the year, all proceeds of Breakfast on the Farm are donated to provide free educational programs to students studying agriculture in Brown County.

Madam Speaker, I urge all members of this body to join me in commending the efforts of Breakfast on the Farm to educate the community through this time-honored tradition. Thank you to the Zirbels, Brown County Dairy Promotion, and the countless sponsors and volunteers for their continued support of Wisconsin's dairy industry.

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RECOGNITION FOR VIRGINIA  
DEANGELIS, PH.D.

**HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. MCCARTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Virginia DeAngelis for her life of work and service to our community. Jinny is stepping down as the Chief Executive

Officer of Desert Area Regional Training (DART), an organization that advocates for, and employs, people with disabilities in Ridgecrest, California, which I represent.

Jinny was born and raised in Wisconsin, graduating cum laude from the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, and later obtained her Master's degree and Doctorate in Business Administration, with an emphasis in Organizational Leadership. After all those years in the cold Midwest, Jinny wanted warmer weather, eventually bringing her to the community of Ridgecrest. She taught at the Sierra Sands Unified School District, educating future generations and inspiring them to become the next leaders of our community. In 1993, she started as a Case Manager for DART, and through her hard work as an industrious champion for people with disabilities, she was deservedly appointed CEO in 2003.

As an executive, Jinny continued to dedicate her energy to serving our local community, managing and guiding the development of DART's mission and facilities, all while simultaneously advocating for people with disabilities. DART has managed and operated a thrift store, providing an opportunity for employment for many people with disabilities in Ridgecrest. Because of the generosity in our community, DART recently had to open a new, bigger location that allowed for more space in the shop and greater work experience.

Jinny's presence in our community has been prolific; she serves on multiple boards and volunteers her time for many local organizations, including the Rotary Club of China Lake, Girl Scouts USA, and Ridgecrest Mayor Peggy Breeden's Special Committee on the Handicapped for the City of Ridgecrest. Jinny is a true believer in the power of education and has lent her expertise to others in Kern County through her work with the Autism Task Force in Kern County and the Kern Community College District Adult Education Consortium. For her service and dedication to people with disabilities, she has received many awards, including Rotarian of the Year in 2014, 2015, and 2016.

On behalf of the constituents of the 23rd Congressional District of California, I applaud Jinny for her over 40 years of dedication, hard work, and service to educating and advocating on behalf of people with disabilities. I wish her well as she embarks on the next chapter in her life.

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IN HONOR OF CHIEF ROBERT  
PFANNES FOR HIS EXEMPLARY  
SERVICE

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Police Chief Robert Pfannes for his dedicated service to the city of Ann Arbor. His exceptional work ensuring the safety of his community is worthy of commendation.

A graduate of Madonna University and the Eastern Michigan University School of Police Staff and Command, Chief Robert Pfannes committed his career to protecting the community. Initially serving in the Detroit and Garden

City Police Departments, Chief Pfannes joined the Ann Arbor Police Department in 1998 as a patrol officer. He worked in the patrol, major crimes, and narcotics divisions, before being promoted to Detective Lieutenant in 2012, where he served as the commander of the Detective Section. Beyond his work in public safety, Chief Pfannes has dedicated numerous hours in service of education, teaching at the

Western Wayne Regional Police Academy for the last 23 years.

Chief Pfannes' efforts demonstrate a deep commitment to justice, public safety, and education. His critical work has been instrumental in protecting the Ann Arbor community. Chief Pfannes' 21 years as a member of the Ann Arbor Police Department exemplifies the selflessness of public service. We are grateful for the exceptional work he has done protecting

the Ann Arbor community, and we congratulate him on his retirement. His dedicated leadership will be missed, and we wish him good health and every happiness in his retirement years.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Police Chief Robert Pfannes for his many years of exemplary service. He has effectively served Michigan and its residents through his selflessness and leadership.

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 151, TRACED Act, as amended.

Senate passed H.R. 2157, Supplemental Appropriations Act, as amended.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

#### *Routine Proceedings, pages S3065–S3137*

**Measures Introduced:** Sixty-nine bills and eight resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1627–1695, and S. Res. 219–226. **Pages S3104–07**

#### **Measures Reported:**

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2019”. (S. Rept. No. 116–42)

S. Res. 135, expressing the gratitude and appreciation of the Senate for the acts of heroism and valor by the members of the United States Armed Forces who participated in the June 6, 1944, amphibious landing at Normandy, France, and commending those individuals for leadership and bravery in an operation that helped bring an end to World War II, and with an amended preamble. **Page S3104**

#### **Measures Passed:**

**TRACED Act:** By 97 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 127), Senate passed S. 151, to deter criminal robocall violations and improve enforcement of section 227(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S3075–77**

**Supplemental Appropriations Act:** By 85 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. 129), Senate passed H.R. 2157, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S3084–85**

#### **Adopted:**

McConnell (for Shelby/Leahy) Amendment No. 250, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3084**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 84 yeas to 9 nays (Vote No. 128), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having

voted in the affirmative, pursuant to section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and the waiver provisions of applicable budget resolutions, Senate agreed to the motion to waive all applicable sections of the Act and applicable budget resolutions with respect to the bill, as amended. **Page S3084**

**National Public Works Week:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 213, designating the week of May 19 through May 25, 2019, as “National Public Works Week”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S3127**

**Vision To Learn:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 222, recognizing Vision To Learn as a national leader in improving access to prescription eyeglasses for students in low-income communities, thereby helping those students succeed in school, and for providing vision exams to 200,000 students since its founding. **Pages S3116–17**

**DIPG Pediatric Brain Cancer Awareness Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 223, expressing support for the designation of May 17, 2019, as “DIPG Pediatric Brain Cancer Awareness Day” to raise awareness of and encourage research on diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma tumors and pediatric cancers in general. **Page S3117**

**National Nurses Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 224, supporting the goals and ideals of National Nurses Week, to be observed from May 6 through May 12, 2019. **Page S3117**

**International Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Awareness Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 225, supporting the goals of International Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Awareness Day. **Pages S3117–18**

**National Foster Care Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 226, recognizing National Foster Care Month as

an opportunity to raise awareness about the challenges of children in the foster care system, and encouraging Congress to implement policy to improve the lives of children in the foster care system.

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**Republic of the Marshall Islands:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 3, recognizing the rich history, heritage, and strategic importance of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Marshallese population residing in the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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**National Flood Insurance Program:** Senate passed S. 1693, to reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program.

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**Congressional Budget—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1332, to set forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2020 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2021 through 2029.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, May 23, 2019, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 3, 2019.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m. on Monday, June 3, 2019, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill; and that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the cloture motions filed during the session of Thursday, May 23, 2019 ripen at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 3, 2019.

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**Indian Water Rights Settlement Extension Act—Referral:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be discharged from further consideration of S. 886, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to make the Reclamation Water Settlements Fund permanent, and the bill be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

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**Pro Forma Sessions—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate adjourn, to then convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business being conducted on the following dates and times, and that following each pro forma session, the Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Friday, May 24, 2019, at 9:45 a.m.; Tuesday, May 28, 2019, at 11:30 a.m.; Friday, May 31, 2019, at 10:30 a.m.; and that when the

Senate adjourns on Friday, May 31, 2019, it next convene at 3 p.m., on Monday, June 3, 2019.

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**Saul Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Andrew M. Saul, of New York, to be Commissioner of Social Security.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of S. 1332, to set forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2020 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2021 through 2029.

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Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination.

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**Schenker Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of David Schenker, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Near Eastern Affairs).

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Andrew M. Saul, of New York, to be Commissioner of Social Security.

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Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session.

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination.

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**Tarbert Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Heath P. Tarbert, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of David Schenker, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Near Eastern Affairs).

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session.

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination.

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**Tarbert Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Heath P. Tarbert, of



Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. **Page S3087**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Heath P. Tarbert, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. **Page S3087**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S3087**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S3087**

**Combs Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Susan Combs, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior. **Page S3087**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Heath P. Tarbert, of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. **Page S3087**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S3087**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S3087**

**Holte Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Ryan T. Holte, of Ohio, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims. **Page S3087**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Susan Combs, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior. **Page S3087**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S3087**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S3087**

**Alston Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Rossie David Alston, Jr., of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia. **Page S3087**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the

Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Ryan T. Holte, of Ohio, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims. **Pages S3087 –88**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S3087**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S3087**

**Hertling Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Richard A. Hertling, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims. **Page S3088**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Rossie David Alston, Jr., of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia. **Page S3088**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S3088**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S3088**

**Baranwal Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Rita Baranwal, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Nuclear Energy); and that Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate, and that no further motions be in order.

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

William Bookless, of California, to be Principal Deputy Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration.

Christopher Fall, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Science, Department of Energy.

Richard C. Parker, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

John Barsa, of Florida, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Michael J. Fitzpatrick, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ecuador.

James S. Gilmore, of Virginia, to be U.S. Representative to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, with the rank of Ambassador.

Jeffrey Ross Gunter, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iceland.

Michael G. Bailey, of Arizona, to be United States Attorney for the District of Arizona for the term of four years.

William Travis Brown, Jr., of Louisiana, to be United States Marshal for the Middle District of Louisiana for the term of four years.

Eric S. Gartner, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania for the term of four years.

Brent R. Bunn, of Idaho, to be United States Marshal for the District of Idaho for the term of four years.

Timothy J. Downing, of Oklahoma, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma for the term of four years.

Michael Blaine East, of North Carolina, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of North Carolina for the term of four years.

Bridget A. Brink, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Slovak Republic.

John Jefferson Daigle, of Louisiana, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cabo Verde.

Matthew S. Klimow, of New York, to be Ambassador to Turkmenistan.

Kate Marie Byrnes, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of North Macedonia.

8 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.  
132 Army nominations in the rank of general.

15 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

6 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, and Navy.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

LaJuana S. Wilcher, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation.

Brian Callanan, of New Jersey, to be General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury.

Brent James McIntosh, of Michigan, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Erin Elizabeth McKee, of California, to be Ambassador to the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Solomon Islands and Ambassador to the Republic of Vanuatu.

Stephen R. Bough, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2021.

Elizabeth J. Shapiro, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of

the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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**Nomination Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Scott A. Mugno, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, which was sent to the Senate on January 16, 2019.

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**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—129)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:34 p.m., until 9:45 a.m. on Friday, May 24, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3128.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

**Committee on Finance:** Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of David Fabian Black, of North Dakota, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security, and Emin Toro, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court.

### ARIA IN ACTION

**Committee on Foreign Relations:** Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy concluded a hearing to examine the Asia Reassurance Initiative Act in action, focusing on the benefits of economic diplomacy, after receiving testimony from Carlyle Currier, Colorado Farm Bureau, Centennial; and Matthew P. Goodman, Center for Strategic and International Studies, and Joanna I. Lewis, Georgetown University Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, both of Washington, D.C.

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY  
BUDGET**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the

President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2020 for the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Kevin K. McAleenan, Acting Secretary of Homeland Security.

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# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 83 public bills, H.R. 2938–3020; and 9 resolutions, H. Res. 400–408, were introduced. **Pages H4160–65**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H4167–68**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1716, to direct the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to conduct coastal community vulnerability assessments related to ocean acidification, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–81);

H.R. 988, to provide for a study by the Ocean Studies Board of the National Academies of Science examining the impact of ocean acidification and other stressors in estuarine environments, with amendments (H. Rept. 116–82, Part 1);

H.R. 2960, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–83); and

H.R. 2968, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–84).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Luria to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4123**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Chaplain (Major) Thomas E. Fussell, United States Air Force, Patrick Air Force Base, Cape Canaveral, Florida. **Page H4123**

**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 194 nays with two answering "present", Roll No. 229. **Page H4123, H4146**

**Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act of 2019:** The House passed H.R. 1994, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage retirement savings, by a yea-and-nay vote of 417 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 231.

**Pages H4124–46, H4146–49**

Rejected the McHenry motion to recommit to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 200 yeas to 222 noes, Roll No. 230. **Pages H4146–48**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–79, shall be considered as adopted.

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Agreed that in the engrossment of the bill, the Clerk be authorized to make technical corrections and conforming changes. **Page H4149**

H. Res. 389, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1500) and (H.R. 1994) was agreed to Tuesday, May 21st.

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 11 a.m. tomorrow, May 24th. **Page H4149**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4146, H4148, and H4148–49. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 1:41 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a markup on the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2020. The Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2020 was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a markup on the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2020. The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, FY 2020 was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

**SUMMER DRIVING DANGERS: EXPLORING WAYS TO PROTECT DRIVERS AND THEIR FAMILIES**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce held a hearing entitled “Summer Driving Dangers: Exploring Ways to Protect Drivers and their Families”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**THE INSULAR AREAS MEDICAID CLIFF**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Insular Areas Medicaid Cliff”. Testimony was heard from Esther L. Muna, Chief Executive Officer, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Healthcare Corporation; Helen C. Sablan, Director, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands State Medicaid Agency; Maria Theresa Arcangel, Chief Administrator, Guam Division of Public Welfare; Michal S.A. Rhymer-Browne, Assistant Commissioner, U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Human Services; Sandra King Young, Medicaid Director, American Samoa Government; and Angela Avilá, Executive Director, Puerto Rico State Health Insurance Administration.

**MISSION IMPERATIVE: DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Mission Imperative: Diversity and Inclusion in the Intelligence Commu-

nity”. Testimony was heard from Kari Bingen, Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, Department of Defense; Rita Sampson, Chief of Equal Employment Opportunity and Diversity, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; and Harry Coker, Executive Director, National Security Agency.

**CREATING A CLIMATE RESILIENT AMERICA**

*Select Committee on the Climate Crisis:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Creating a Climate Resilient America”. Testimony was heard from Keith Hodges, State Delegate, 98th District, Virginia; and public witnesses.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress:* Full Committee held a business meeting to consider proposed recommendations on transparency. The proposed recommendations on transparency were ordered reported.

***Joint Meetings***

No joint committee meetings were held.

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,  
MAY 24, 2019**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

**House**

No hearings are scheduled.

**Joint Meetings**

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* to receive a briefing with the House Committee on Financial Services on trade-based money laundering, 9:30 a.m., 2360, Rayburn Building.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:45 a.m., Friday, May 24

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

11 a.m., Friday, May 24

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Friday:** Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

## House Chamber

**Program for Friday:** House will meet in Pro Forma session at 11 a.m.

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